

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

Louisiana Conference — The Methodist Church

**WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF
CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

Including

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD



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“For He Has Chosen Me - For the Living of These Days”

THE METHODIST CHURCH

1965 - 1966

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES — 1966-1967

First Period June 1, 1966 to November 4, 1966

- June 17-19 Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, Mt. Sequoyah
- June 20-24 Gulf Region School of Christian Mission, S.M.U., Dallas
- July 18-22 Conference School of Christian Mission, Centenary College, Shreveport
- July 22-24 Conference Guild Weekend, Centenary College, Shreveport
- September District Workshops
- October Call to Prayer and Self Denial
- October 8-9 Guild Mid-Year Committee Meeting
- October 11-13 Mid-Year Meeting of Conference Executive Committee, Homer

Second Period November 1, 1966 to June 1, 1967

- November 4 World Community Day
- November 5 Send Evaluation Reports to District Officers
- February Election of Officers of Women's Society and Guild. Send names to district recording secretary
- February 10 World Day of Prayer
- March 14-15 Conference Executive Meeting
- March 15-17 Annual Meeting of Conference Woman's Society, First Methodist Church, Lake Charles
- March 17-18-19 Annual Meeting of Conference Wesleyan Guild, Lake Charles
- March-April Annual District Meetings of Woman's Societies

District	Church	Date
Alexandria	Jonesville Methodist Church	March 30
Baton Rouge	Amite Methodist Church	March 30
Lafayette	Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette	April 12
Lake Charles	University Methodist Church, Lake Charles	April 4
Monroe	First Methodist Church, Bastrop	
New Orleans	Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans	March 29
Ruston	Lakeview Methodist Church, Minden	March 29
Shreveport	Lakeview Methodist Church, Shreveport	March 30
March 26	Easter Sunday	
May	Officers' Training Day in Each District	
May 5-7	Jurisdiction Training for Conference Officers, Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas	
Summer 1967		
June 19-23	Regional School of Christian Mission	
July 17-21	Conference School of Christian Mission, Centenary College, Shreveport	
July 23-24	Conference Guild Weekend, Centenary College, Shreveport	

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REILY MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY METHODIST CHURCH

and

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

March 8 - 10, 1966

Edited by: **MRS. W. E. TRICE, Chairman**

MRS. C. B. McGOWAN

MRS. MAX CLAYTON

MRS. CARL GALLAHER

MISS MILDRED EVANS

PURPOSE
of the
WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
and
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild shall be to help women grow in the knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and to challenge them to respond to God's redemptive purpose in the world.

Toward the realization of this purpose, the Woman's Society and Guild shall provide opportunities and resources which will help women: grow in understanding and spiritual power; increase their knowledge of needs in the world; and share through witness and service in the outreach of the Church.

The Woman's Society and Guild shall enlist workers and secure funds for the fulfillment of their responsibility in the mission of the Church at home and overseas.

DEDICATION



ESTELLE DARSEY DAMERON

To one whose daily life is a witness to her Christian faith; whose leadership has been one of courage, gentleness of spirit, graciousness of manner, and love for those with whom she worked; whose clearness and keenness of mind has made her a valuable person in any capacity in which she serves; to Estelle Darsey Dameron, former member of the Board of Missions of the Woman's Division, the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society, and immediate past president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, this Twenty-Sixth Annual Report is lovingly dedicated.

DEACONESSES, HOME MISSIONARIES, AND SPECIAL TERM WORKERS FROM LOUISIANA

Serving in Other Conferences

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| * Miss Emma G. Burris | * Miss Ora Hooper |
| † Mr. Carl Brunson | * Miss Helen Mandlebaum |
| † Mrs. Carl Brunson | ** Miss Betty Lou Vickers |
| ** Miss Carole Cotton | * Mrs. Verna Webster Willis |

Serving in our conference other than in National Division Projects

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| * Miss Norma Garlington | * Miss Shiela Nuttall |
| * Miss Evelyn Murphree | |

CONTACT WORKERS FROM LOUISIANA

Serving in other conferences

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| Rev. Brent Doan | Miss Lillian Nelle Coulter |
| Mrs. Louise Mitchell Larsen | (Candidate for deaconess) |

(CODE: ‡ Home Missionary; * Deaconesses; ** U. S. - 2; † Contract Worker)

WORLD DIVISION MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO US

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| Miss Elma Ashby | Rev. and Mrs. David Lowry |
| Mr. and Mrs. Patterson Benner | Mr. and Mrs. Larry G. Pleimann |
| Miss Doretha Brown | Mr. and Mrs. Donald Small |
| Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Cady | Rev. and Mrs. James W. Spitzkeit |
| Miss Margaret Wade Campbell | Rev. and Mrs. Carlos A. Welch |
| Mr. and Mrs. John Holmes | Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams |
| Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Ray Holt | Rev. and Mrs. Ben Youngblood |

Miss Carol F. Wood, Special Term Missionary
Louisiana is the home conference, home state, or birth place of the missionary whose name is underscored

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| Rev. and Mrs. Donald E. Barnes | Dr. and Mrs. James I. McClendon |
| Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dewey | Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Townsley |
| Mr. and Mrs. Hall Duncan | Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Spencer |

Has support of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild

Dr. Vela Cleveland

(For more complete information on our workers and a list of "Employed Workers," see the Directory, Birthday Calendar, and Cover Letter mailed to each local society in care of the secretary of missionary education and service.)

NATIONAL DIVISION PROJECTS IN OUR CONFERENCE

Business Girl's Inn, 814 Cotton St., Shreveport, La., 71101

† Mrs. Maxine Watkins, Director

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† Rev. Jerry Moon, Director

McDonell Methodist Center, 1210 E Main, Houma, La., 70360

‡ John L. Howe, Director

Methodist Student Centers

Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Box 905, Tech Station, Ruston, La.

Rev. William M. Stokes, Jr., Director

Northwestern State College of Louisiana, Box 1285, College Station, Natchitoches, La.

Rev. Robert L. Tatum, Director

University of Southwestern Louisiana, Box 220, U. S. L. Station, Lafayette, La.
Rev. Robert S. Barefield, Director

Peoples' Methodist Community Center, 2019 Simon Bolivar Ave., New Orleans
† Rev. Nathaniel Perry, Supt. † Mrs. Pearl Turnbull

Sager-Brown School, Box Q, Baldwin, La. 70514
* Miss Rosie Ann Cobb, Supt.

St. Mark's Community Center, 1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, La. 70116
† Miss Louise Sharp, Director

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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President.....Miss Norma Garlington, First Methodist Church, Lake Charles

Vice President.....Miss Barbara Boultinghouse, Sager-Brown School, Baldwin

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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

PRESIDENT OF WOMAN'S DIVISION

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JURISDICTION OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES FOR 1966-1967

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Officers:

President.....Mrs. C. C. Coffee, 3419 21st Street, Lubbock, Texas 79410

Vice President.....Mrs. E. Maurice Faubion, 3031 Robinhood, Houston, Texas 77005

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Treasurer.....Mrs. Wade F. Laboon, 3924 Birchman, Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Secretaries:

Campus Ministry.....Mrs. L. B. Tooley, 520 Shirley Court, Richardson, Texas 75080

Christian Social Relations.....Mrs. Earle D. Button
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Membership Cultivation.....Mrs. H. L. Georg
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Missionary Education and Service.....	Mrs. E. T. Pittard 1131 19th Street, Anson, Texas 79501
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Program Materials	Mrs. Paul Carnahan 1202 Lou Ida Drive, Neosho, Missouri 64850
Spiritual Life Cultivation.....	Mrs. Cecil R. Matthews 2420 Fifteenth St., Lubbock, Texas 79401
Supply Work.....	Mrs. Ira W. Frederick 4412 Pierce St., Omaha, Nebraska 68105
Wesleyan Service Guild.....	Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney 202 West 18th St., Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601
Date of Taking office: February 18, 1965	

DELEGATES TO SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Mrs. C. B. McGowan	Mrs. Garland Dean, Jr.
Mrs. Carl Gallaher	Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr.
Mrs. Max L. Clayton	Mrs. W. B. Gardner

Alternates

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Mrs. John Howe, Jr. | 3. Mrs. Robert Reich |
| 2. Mrs. L. C. Aycock | |

BISHOP OF LOUISIANA AREA

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton.....	1715 American National Bank Bldg. 200 Carondelet St., New Orleans 12, La.
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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE OFFICERS—1966-1967

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Secretaries

Campus Ministry	Mrs. Robert Bingham Route 2, Box 24, Simmsboro 71275
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Missionary Personnel	Mrs. John Oldham 10465 Cedarlane Dr., Baton Rouge 70816
Program Materials	Mrs. Robert Reich 333 E. Boyd, Baton Rouge 70808
Spiritual Life Cultivation	Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr. 1210 E. Main St., Houma 70360
Supply Work	Mrs. L. C. Aycock Box 366, Ruston 71270
Wesleyan Service Guild	Miss Mildred Evans 2 Chatham Dr., New Orleans 70122

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Administrative Committee:

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Chairman
Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr.
Mrs. Max L. Clayton

Mrs. Carl Gallaher
Mrs. L. C. Aycock
Mrs. John Howe, Jr.

Committee on Program:

Mrs. Robert Reich, Chairman
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Mrs. C. B. McGowan

Mrs. Max Clayton
Miss Mildred Evans
Mrs. Robert Compton
Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner
Mrs. Garland Dean

Annual Report:

....., Chairman
Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Mrs. Carl Gallaher

Mrs. Max Clayton
Miss Mildred Evans
Mrs. G. W. Dameron

Christian Social Relations:

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Mrs. Earl Hotalen
Mrs. R. W. Harkness

Mrs. Raymond Boyd
Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick
Miss Elizabeth Langford

District Secretaries of Christian Social Relations

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U.N. Activities and Educational Program

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Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy
Mrs. Harvey B. Henry

The Methodist Church and Race

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Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr.
Mrs. Merle Lichtenfels

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Mrs. J. W. Golson
Mrs. W. S. McDonald

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Mrs. Chris Hall
Mrs. J. A. JACOBS

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Mrs. R. E. Carter

Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick

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Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner
Mrs. Earl Hotalen

Mrs. Chris Hall
Mrs. J. A. Jacocks

Constitution and Bylaws:

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Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick

Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Miss Mildred Evans

Finance:

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Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Mrs. W. B. Gardner
Mrs. Garland Dean, Jr.
Mrs. Max Clayton

Mrs. L. C. Aycock
Mrs. J. H. McSween
Mrs. G. W. Dameron

District Treasurers

Mid-Year and Annual Meeting Place:

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Chairman

Miss Mildred Evans

Mrs. Don Wineinger

Nominations:

Mrs. Wideman Watson, Chairman
Mrs. A. R. Scheffer, Alexandria District
Mrs. Clifford Ratliff, Baton Rouge District
Mrs. George H. Thomas, Lafayette District
Mrs. Don Wineinger, Monroe District

Conference School of Christian Mission:

Mrs. Max L. Clayton, Dean
Mrs. John L. Howe, Assistant Dean
Miss Arline Tyler, Registrar
Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Chairman of
Arrangements

Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr.
Mrs. Carl Gallaher
Mrs. Robert Reich
Mrs. Robert M. Bingham
Mrs. Garland Dean, Jr.
Mrs. Wideman Watson
Mrs. C. B. McGowan

Spiritual Life Cultivation:

Mrs. John Howe, Jr., Chairman
Mrs. Max L. Clayton
Mrs. T. Luster James

Mrs. T. Haller Jackson
District Secretaries of
Spiritual Life Cultivation

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Christian Service Times:

Mrs. John Howe, Jr., Chairman and Editor
Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Woman's Society of
Christian Service, Editor

Miss Marilynn Carter
Wesleyan Service Guild Editor
Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Business
Manager

Tours:

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Mrs. Garland Dean, Jr.
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Rev. Kenneth Rorie

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Rev. Jack E. Midyett, 815 Washington, New Orleans
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Director, Area Council:

Rev. Luman Douglas, P. O. Box 4325, Shreveport

District Superintendents:

Alexandria—Rev. John F. Kilpatrick, 1818 Texas, Alexandria
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Secretary of Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Church

Rev. Ralph Cain, 3021 Curtis Lane, Shreveport

HISTORICAL PAGE

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL HISTORY

Year	Membership WSCS	Membership WSG	Giving*
1940	10,774	None	\$ 32,175.00
1941	10,360	642	40,118.45
1942	9,164	673	45,822.73
1943	8,574	705	50,698.08
1944	7,930	789	63,705.95
1945	8,589	977	67,874.58
1946-47	9,304	1173	77,957.93
1947-48	9,707	1308	95,626.78
1948-49	10,100	1443	100,214.01
1949-50	10,944	1637	101,472.32
1950-51	11,855	1701	108,344.98
1951-52	12,125	1689	116,483.71
1952-53	12,686	1839	125,232.38
1953-54	13,115	1926	141,225.25
1954-55	13,310	1863	146,269.53
1955-56	13,813	1875	150,957.47
1956-57	13,994	1968	155,947.42
1957-58	13,998	2002	160,797.97
1958-59	13,964	2039	161,745.66
1959-60	13,704	2172	167,080.34
1960-61	13,581	2172	167,905.51
1961-62	13,782	2194	171,232.32
1962-63	13,290	1933	170,536.09
1963-64	12,965	1917	169,913.25
1964-65	13,449	1833	177,165.73
1965-66	13,002	1825	185,934.65

* Total giving includes figures for the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Annual Meetings

- 1940—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, October 23, Charter Meeting.
- 1941—Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, April 29-May 1.
- 1942—Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, April 14-16.
- 1943—First Methodist Church, Monroe, March 30-April 1.
- 1944—First Methodist Church, Crowley, March 28-30.
- 1945—No Annual Meeting, Executive Meeting only.
- 1946—First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 19-21.
- 1947—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, April 8-10.
- 1948—First Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 16-18.
- 1949—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 22-24.
- 1950—Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, March 28-30.
- 1951—First Methodist Church, Monroe, October 23-24.
- 1952—First Methodist Church, Lafayette, March 18-19.
- 1953—University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 17-19.
- 1954—Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, March 24-26.
- 1955—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, March 18-20.
- 1956—First Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 2-4.
- 1957—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 13-15.
- 1958—First Methodist Church, Monroe, March 18-20.
- 1959—First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 4-6.
- 1960—Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 16-18.
- 1961—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, March 15-17.
- 1962—First Methodist Church, New Orleans, March 14-16.
- 1963—First Methodist Church, Monroe, March 13-15.
- 1964—Lafayette Municipal Auditorium, Lafayette, March 11-13.
- 1965—Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 10-12.
- 1966—University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 8-10.

Past Conference Presidents

- 1940-1941—Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., 533 Dudley Drive, Shreveport
- 1941-1946—Mrs. John B. Pollard, 3212 Rosedale, Dallas, Texas
- 1946-1954—Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, 710 N. Vienna, Ruston
- 1954-1958—Mrs. Chas. N. Cadwallader, 6215 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans
- 1958-1962—Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, P. O. Box 88, Shreveport
- 1962-1966—Mrs. G. W. Dameron, 112 Redd Drive, Pineville 71360

DISTRICT OFFICERS AND LOCAL PRESIDENTS

1966 - 1967

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

President Mrs. A. R. Scheffer, 2311 Donahue Ferry Road, Pineville 71360
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Secretaries

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 Membership Cultivation Mrs. T. C. Young, 5109 MacArthur, Alexandria 71301
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 Supply Work Mrs. Roy Waitz, 3617 Felker, Alexandria 71301

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Zone I Leader: Mrs. H. V. Dunford, 1606 Maple, Winnfield 71483

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 Montgomery Mrs. David L. Ward, Montgomery 71454
 Mt. Zion Mrs. Vesta Fredieu, Rt. #1, Montgomery 71454
 Oak Grove (Effie)..... Mrs. Eric Guillory, Rt. #3, Box 254, Alexandria 71301
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 Pineville Mrs. Harvey Henry, 616 Lallah, Pineville 71360
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Chicot		
Evergreen	Mrs. Ray Mathieu, Evergreen	71333
Lecompte	Mrs. Wilbur Hathorn, Cheneyville	71325
Marksville	Mrs. Philo Coco, Marksville	71451
Simmesport	Mrs. W. W. Lindsey, Rt. #1, Box 305-B, Lettsworth	70753
White Chapel		

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

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Service		
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Missionary Personnel	Mrs. Curtis Harper, Greenwell Springs	70739
Spiritual Life Cultivation	Mrs. E. E. Sylvest, Sr., 1819 Willow Rd., Bogalusa	70427
Supply Work	Mrs. W. A. Ragan, 405 Glenmore, Baton Rouge	70806
Wesleyan Service Guild	Mrs. Joe L. Roundtree, 3967 Sherwood Dr., Baton Rouge	70805

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Baton Rouge:

Broadmoor	Mrs. Thomas Rhodes, 1619 Carolyn Sue Dr., Baton Rouge	70815
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Plaquemine	Mrs. Bruce Lovelace, 1306 Sherwood Dr., Plaquemine	70764
Rosedale	Mrs. Robert Johnson, Rosedale	70772

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Bogalusa (Elizabeth Sullivan)	Mrs. Bascom Talley, Jr., Pinchurst, Bogalusa	70427
Fisher	Mrs. Etna Sylvest, Route 3, Box 50, Franklinton	70438
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Zwolle	Mrs. Max Brown, Zwolle	71486

Zone III Leader: Mrs. Norman Griffin, 9448 Aspen Circle, Shreveport 71108

Bethany	Mrs. J. T. Brumble, Bethany	71007
Greenwood	Mrs. E. S. Welch, Rt. 1, Box 77, Keatchie	71046
Shreveport		
Broadmoor	Mrs. Durward Rust, 826 East River Rd., Shreveport	71105
Caddo Heights.....	Mrs. Charles E. Arnold, 8912 Shady Lane Dr., Shreveport	71108

Cedar Grove	Mrs. W. P. Roberts, 2521 Meriwether Rd., Shreveport	71106
Christ Church	Mrs. R. K. Pepper, 9339 Blom Blvd., Shreveport	71108
Ellerbe Road	Mrs. John Buehler, Forbing	71026
First Church	Mrs. Joe J. Mickle, 941 Gladstone Blvd., Shreveport	71104
Lakeview	Mrs. D. S. Brobst, 3833 Milton, Shreveport	71109
Mangum	Mrs. E. A. Oxford, 3767 Elmer Lane, Shreveport	71109
Morningside	Mrs. F. C. Boston, 5406 Fairfax St., Shreveport	71108
Noel	Mrs. Lee Tidwell, 655 Robinson, Shreveport	71104
North Highland	Mrs. George E. Freeman, Jr., 3231 Dearborn St., Shreveport	71107
St. Luke's	Mrs. David Gleason, 203 Johnnie St., Shreveport	71105
Summer Grove	Mrs. H. P. Royenga, 840 Francais Dr., Shreveport	71108
Trinity	Mrs. W. L. Simmons, Jr., 3744 Oakcrest, Shreveport	71109
Wesley	Mrs. Carl Musgrove, 6628 Quilen, Shreveport	71108
Wynn	Mrs. J. W. Cureton, 3457 DeSoto St., Shreveport	71109

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Administrative Committee met during the Gulf Region School of Christian Mission in Dallas, Texas, June 12, 1965. The following action was taken:

1. Decided not to have made a duplicate set of the slides which were shown at the Annual Meeting.

2. Approved expenses up to \$60.00 for Mrs. Wideman Watson, or an alternate, to attend the Audio Visual Seminar in July in Mt. Sequoyah.

3. Approved paying the \$12.50 registration fee for the Conference President to attend the Methodist Convocation on Urban Life to be held in Chicago, February, 1966.

(Approved by the Executive Committee, October 12, 1965).

The Administrative Committee held a brief meeting following the Day of Self Study in Pineville, June 23, 1965. Approval was given to present an honorary membership (\$100) to Mrs. Martha Overby, retiring Church and Community worker.

(Approved by the Executive Committee, October 12, 1965).

The Administrative Committee met August 11, 1965, during the Conference School of Christian Mission, and selected Mrs. Max Clayton as a possible representative from the Louisiana Conference to the Advisory Committee for the regional Secretary. This was to be only in the form of a nomination.

(Approved by the Executive Committee, October 12, 1965).

The Administrative Committee was polled by mail in September, 1965, with reference to the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service sending a representative to Topeka, Kansas, in October, to the Workshop in Methodists in Mobility, expenses to be paid by the Conference. The Committee's decision was not to send such a delegate.

(Approved by the Executive Committee, October 12, 1965).

In December, 1965, members of the Administrative Committee were polled by mail relative to an invitation from Miss Thelma Stevens of the Woman's Division for Louisiana to send two representatives at Division expense, to Frogmore, S. C., to the Action Imperative: Mission Conference. These two representatives would in turn carry on such a program in strategic areas of the Louisiana Conference. The invitation was declined by the vote of the Administrative Committee.

The Administrative Committee was again polled relative to a follow-up invitation from Miss Thelma Stevens of the Woman's Division, asking that Louisiana send two observers to the Action Imperative: Mission Conference, at Division expense with no obligation or commitment of the Conference for further action. The Administrative Committee voted to accept the invitation to send the two observers.

(Approved by the Executive Committee, March 7, 1966).

The Administrative Committee was polled with reference to the appointment of Mrs. J. F. Rosett as Conference Recording Secretary to replace Mrs. W. E. Trice who is moving from the Conference.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, President
Mrs. W. E. Trice, Recording Secretary

**CALLED SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, LOUISIANA
CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

April 20, 1966

Following the District Officers' Training Day in Pineville, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, president, called a session of the Executive Committee. Before the business session, Mrs. Dameron reported on the death of the father of Mrs. Clifford Ratliff, Baton Rouge District President, in Haynesville. She also announced that Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick's sister had returned to the hospital in Shreveport.

Mrs. Dameron said that the meeting had been called in order to make a decision regarding the Fall Workshops for each District. A poll of each District showed them in favor of planning them for the Fall of 1966, although, as Mrs. Dameron pointed out, the Woman's Division is not recommending them.

Mrs. Dean pointed out that, although a coordinated meeting with the whole Church was the desired end, there were many problems in such a meeting. Since many of the District Chairmen of Missions are ministers, it would be quite possible for them to participate in the Woman's Society Workshops. Mrs. McCammon moved that the District Fall Workshops under the sponsorship of the Woman's Society be held this year. Motion passed.

MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Sulphur, Louisiana, October 12-14, 1965

The Mid-Year Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was convened at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 12, in the sanctuary of the Westlake Methodist Church, with the president, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, presiding. The opening session was preceded by meetings of the various committees and a luncheon served by members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Westlake church.

The opening meditation was led by the Reverend D. W. Poole, pastor of the Henning Memorial Methodist Church, Sulphur, using as his text the passage from John, "If Christ shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Roll was called by the recording secretary, and the following were present: Mesdames G. W. Dameron, J. B. Mouton, W. E. Trice, Carl Gallaher, John L. Howe, W. B. Gardner, Max Clayton, Garland Dean, Jr., C. R. McCammon, T. M. Ellis, T. Luster James, J. B. Kelley, Charles H. Giessen, Wideman Watson, C. B. McGowan, A. R. Scheffer, S. E. Richardson, Clifford Ratliff, Robert Reich, George H. Thomas, Charles Cain, Robert Compton, Ed Andrus, Jesse R. Porter, S. A. Seegers, Lucille Goodwin, Charles Robards, L. C. Aycock, J. T. Spencer, W. D. Snelling, and J. R. Kavanaugh. A motion was made and passed that communications be sent to those absent.

The minutes of the Administrative Committee were read by the secretary and approved as read.

Printed corrections of the directory of the *Twenty-Fifth Annual Report* were distributed by the secretary, and some further corrections were made.

Mrs. Dameron welcomed the new members of the Committee, some of whom had served in other offices in previous years. She welcomed Mrs. W. E. Trice, recording secretary; Mrs. Charles H. Giessen, missionary personnel, South Central Jurisdiction; Mrs. S. E. Richardson, Alexandria district treasurer; Mrs. Oren L. Kelsey, Baton Rouge district treasurer (in absentia); Mrs. Jessie R. Porter, membership cultivation, Lake Charles district; Mrs. Lucille Goodwin, membership cultivation, Monroe district; Mrs. Wilburn Slack, membership cultivation, Ruston district (in absentia).

Correspondence was then read by the recording secretary and acknowledged by the group.

The following committees were appointed by the president: *Journal Committee*: Mesdames Robert Reich, George Thomas, and C. B. McGowan. *Resolutions*: Mesdames Charles Cain, J. R. Kavanaugh, and Clifford Ratliff.

In the absence of Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Mrs. Dameron brought a brief report from

the Woman's Division. As of January 1, 1966, in information received from Miss Barbara Campbell of the Division, the committee on program on the conference level will correspond to the same personnel of the committee on program on the local level. The committee on program will elect its own chairman.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

Alexandria District: Mrs. A. R. Scheffer, president, reported a total membership of 1,217 in 38 societies, and a total of \$13,376.52 paid on its pledge, which represented an overpayment. The district had 18 in attendance at the School of Christian Mission, held a district meeting on "Self Study," and recorded a total of 218 in attendance at the Workshop.

Baton Rouge District: Mrs. Clifford Ratliff, president, reported the "Self Study," which the district held September 2, with conference, district and zone officers, as well as officers from 22 societies. Conducting such studies in the local groups was further stressed in the zone meetings under membership cultivation. District workshop had 126 in attendance (31 churches), while 179 met in the zone meetings. Officer training was effective this year, with training conducted in 45 of the 55 societies. Total membership to date is 2,340 in 55 societies and guilds, including one new society and one recently re-activated. A "Day Apart" will be held at Bethel and Kentwood.

Lafayette District: Mrs. George H. Thomas, president, reported a gain of seven members in 1964-65, although, with regret, the district failed to meet its pledge. Seventeen attended the School of Christian Mission. In August the district executive committee conducted its "Self Study," while such studies for the local societies will be introduced in the November zone meeting when a "Day Apart" will be held in Houma and in Crowley. A workshop was held in September in Opelousas, with 84 attending. A similar one, to have been conducted in Golden Meadow, had to be cancelled, due to Hurricane Betsy. Plans were in progress for a pilot project on membership at Lafayette First Church.

Lake Charles District: Mrs. Robert Compton, president, reported that 26 out of 30 societies in the district have had an officers' training conducted by district officers. Fourteen societies were represented in the "Day Apart," while 108 were in attendance at the workshop.

Monroe District: Mrs. S. A. Seegers, president, reported that the Monroe district "Space Ship" went into orbit at the fall workshop at McGuire Church, West Monroe. Seven of the ship's crew (district officers) had received basic training at School of Christian Mission. About 160 were present to receive "briefing sessions." Along with the emphasis on finance, the secretary of membership cultivation has added much to getting women to discuss membership and the reasons for not securing more members. Much work is being done to get district members in unorganized churches and to work with small churches where there are no societies. She reported a total of 44 societies and one union society.

New Orleans District: In the absence of the district president, Mrs. Charles Robards, membership cultivation, gave the report. All officers were present for a successful training day at the Gentilly Methodist Church, at which time it was voted to accept an invitation from the Central Jurisdiction to hold a joint retreat with them at Dillard University on July 18. One hundred eighty-five were in attendance at the annual meeting at the First Methodist Church, but the district day for "Self Study" and the workshop have had to be postponed until October, due to Hurricane Betsy. The "Self Study," held just prior to the Mid-Year meeting, was small in attendance but provided a wonderful experience. In order that the societies could have the literature, usually distributed in the September workshops, a "Literature Day" was held, at which time representatives came to a given church and picked up the available material. Many, including the district secretary of program materials, lost all of their possessions in the hurricane, but have been thankful for Christian friends who helped them.

Ruston District: Mrs. L. C. Aycock, president, reported that for the first time two zones were combined at centrally located churches to train officers of the local societies, using for a part of the training the newly revised Primer. A total of 174 women were in attendance, with 33 out of 38 societies being reached. The district "Day of Self Study" was conducted at Arcadia, with 11 district officers and 15 local presidents present, representing 17 different societies. Twenty-six persons attended

the School of Christian Mission with 17 societies being represented. The district workshop had 147 in attendance, including one jurisdiction officer, and Mrs. Glenn Laskey, president of the Woman's Division. The district took this opportunity to present Mr. Laskey with a sustaining membership. A check of those who attended the various district or zone meetings showed that many of the societies who need help are never present.

Shreveport District: Mrs. W. D. Snelling, district president, reported that the total membership of the district is now 2,610 in 45 societies, and that this year the pledge was not met. Thirty-five of the societies were represented for the training of officers in the spring zone meetings, with one zone having all 18 of its churches present. Zone II has two societies that have not attended any type of district or zone meeting in a year, and so the president is attempting to find ways of interesting them through talks with the district superintendent and others. A small number attended the "Self Study" day, but many societies have had them in the local churches. Due to rain, only 125 attended the district workshop, as compared to 158 last year, but due to careful planning, many thought it to be the best ever held. The high point of the meeting was presenting a copy of their charter to each society.

Following the report of the districts (not done in alphabetical order, as presented, but mixed in order that some could speak at other times, than usual, for interest), Mrs. Thomas of the Lafayette district, suggested that the districts needed help on how to hold the interest of the small societies and keep them active. Many women in these groups, she said, have no vision of what they can accomplish as a society. Speaking to this comment, Mrs. Dameron read a letter from Mrs. Laskey of the Woman's Division in which she said that a section of the Assembly this year will be devoted to a study on how to help the local women meet their needs. The letter also called attention to December 10 as the deadline for the conferences to send in stories by local societies on how they have presented some program that met a local need. Several present told of interesting projects being conducted in certain churches and societies.

The time for adjournment of the afternoon session was set for 5:30, and the committee recessed for a short coffee break.

The report of the conference officers followed.

Vice-President: Mrs. Mouton stated that reports from local societies and districts indicated good resulting from the sessions in the School of Christian Mission on better programming by using varied means of presentation. In many district workshops the chairmen of the commissions on Christian Social Concerns of the church were used, as had been suggested in the School.

Treasurer: Mrs. Gallaher, before presenting the financial report of the first quarter, informed the committee that the tenure of the office of the treasurer is to be changed to correspond with that of the other officers—4 years. Notification of the change will come from the president of the Woman's Division. She pointed out that the cultivation fund was taken out of the first quarter money and that it was encouraging to note the increase of \$3,358.19 over the same period last year.

Cash Balance, May 20, 1965	\$12,512.13
Receipts, First Quarter	38,338.47
Total to Account for	<u>\$50,850.60</u>

Disbursements:

To Woman's Division	
W.S.C.S.	\$16,009.47
Guild	2,694.11
Total Paid on Pledge	<u>\$18,703.58</u>
Children's Fund	60.86
Total Paid Appropriations	<u>\$18,764.44</u>
Supply Work	4,630.53
Call to Prayer	21.90
Supplementary	15.00
Total Paid Woman's Division	<u>\$23,431.87</u>

La. Moral & Civic Foundation	454.83
Transient Fund	828.25
Conference Cultivation Fund	5,198.83
Total	\$29,913.78
Balance in Checking Account and Savings Account, August 20, 1965	20,936.82
Total to Account for	<u>\$50,850.60</u>

Distributed as Follows:

First Federal Savings & Loan Assn., Alexandria, La.	\$ 1,407.49
Rapides Bldg. & Loan Assn., Alexandria, La.	3,000.00
Whitney National Bank, Checking Account, New Orleans, La.	
Recruitment Fund	\$ 935.00
Cultivation Fund	15,594.33 \$16,529.33 \$20,936.82

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Trice reported that the secretary's work since the Annual Meeting has largely been that of the previous secretary, Mrs. B. F. Patterson, who was responsible for publishing the **Annual Report**. Following is an itemized report of the expenses incurred in the publication of the **Report**:

850 copies of 148 pages each, plus cover, counted as 4 pages, at \$8.50 per page	\$1,292.00
70 spiral binding at 35 cents each (\$25.50); nine left unsold	3.15
600 printed 7x10 envelopes	22.50
Tax	48.33
TOTAL	<u>\$1,392.53</u>

DISTRIBUTION OF ANNUAL REPORT:

457 mailed at 4 cents each and 2 at 12 cents	
87 given to Guild Committee and local presidents at Guild Weekend	
190 given to WSCS Conference Executive Committee, local presidents, district officers at School of Mission, Centenary College	
16 Sold	
<u>752</u> TOTAL DISTRIBUTED	
98 books remaining in hands of Recording Secretary	
<u>850</u> TOTAL PRINTED	

It was moved by Mrs. Thomas that a word of appreciation be sent to Mrs. B. F. Patterson, the retiring secretary, expressing appreciation for the work done in publishing the **Annual Report**.

Secretary for Campus Ministry: Mrs. Howe reported on the new interest group that was conducted at the School of Mission on "The University World." Out of this, she said, came the realization of the need of a better contact between the local churches and the college campuses. She pointed out that the evaluation reports for this year are asking about the work done with international students. Very few churches are doing work in this field, so she said there was need for some type of an extra sheet being included during the year in order that the work that was being done could be properly reported.

Wesleyan Service Guild: Since Miss Tyler was unable to be present, her report was read by the secretary. She said that 1965 has been an ABC year: A for Action; B for Belief; and C for Concern. Members of the Conference Committee of the Guild participated in a time of SELF STUDY BEFORE GOD on Friday evening preceding the Guild Weekend and found it to be most meaningful to all who shared in it.

The Mid-Year meeting of the Conference Committee was held in Alexandria, October 2-3, and the following action was taken:

—plans for the Spiritual Life Study Retreat at Hodges Gardens, January 29-30, 1966.

—plans for the 1966 spring meeting at First Church, Baton Rouge, opening with the meeting of the Guild Committee on Friday, March 4, and closing with the installation of officers, Sunday, March 6.

—each district secretary accepted for her district the proposed 25% increase in pledges.

—the budget of \$2,100 was accepted for the 1966-67 year.

—accepted the recommendation to include a supplementary gift to MacDonell Center in 1966-67.

—approved the appointment of Miss Mildred Evans as Guild Editor.

—approved a plan of volunteer offering from each local unit to be designated "Assembly Offering."

—Mrs. C. G. Mainous agreed to continue as chairman of program for 1966-67.

—necessary changes were authorized in the Constitution and By-Laws and Standing Rules.

A discussion followed on those officers who serve on the Guild Committee on the district level. Mrs. Dameron called special attention to the Guild Spiritual Life Retreat for January, saying that all Woman's Society members are welcome. Any who are interested are to contact Miss Mildred Evans.

Christian Social Relations: Mrs. Gardner stated that the conference was 100% in reporting and that the reports showed progress in the work. A letter was sent to each district president, with a copy to the district secretary of Christian Social Relations, pointing out the progress that district had made, as well as indicating areas in which work needs to be done. After the Workshop on Controversy and Conflict, a letter was sent to each district superintendent, district director of Christian Social Concerns, district president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and district secretary of Christian Social Relations, urging that a workshop be held within each district. Not any of the districts have reported plans being made. The secretary reported attending the Regional School of Christian Mission, the Seminar on Poverty, the Seminar on Alcohol, as well as the School of Christian Mission at Centenary College.

Membership Cultivation: Mrs. Clayton reported that the goal of 25% increase in membership by May, 1966, had been set some time ago, but until now less than 1% increase has been realized. It is thought that the change of title for the secretary doing this work has perhaps caused some confusion on the local level, and Mrs. Clayton urged the executive committee to try to help these local secretaries with their job in gaining new members. Some societies are trying to create interest groups that will be related to the church, although most of the members will not be members of the Woman's Society or Guild.

Mrs. Dameron, in speaking to the report on membership cultivation, expressed the hope that a wide variety of specific ways for membership cultivation will be formulated during the coming year.

Missionary Education and Service: Mrs. Dean reported on the changes taking place in the areas of missionary education, due to the organizational structure changes in the Board of Missions and the Woman's Division. Efforts are being made to get more of the membership of the church to become involved in the approved studies, with the commission on missions initiating the plans in each instance. This spring 25 World Division missionaries were assigned to Louisiana, three women of the former Woman's Division, and 11 couples from the former Division of World Missions.

Working in the Louisiana conference are 6 deaconesses and 4 US-2's, three of the latter being new this year to Louisiana. They include Linda Louise Jackson and Judy Ann Sherk at Sager-Brown and Marjorie Landshof at MacDonell Methodist Center, and a number of contract and full-time employed workers in the National Division projects. We are related to a new Overseas 3, Miss Carol Wood in Korea and two new US-2's, Miss Carole Cotton and Miss Betty Lou Vickers.

Filmstrips ordered this year to be placed in the Film Library at the Area Council office are **The Two Faces of Faith**, **Mission Persepective**, and **U.S.—2 Mission**. The secretary expressed appreciation for the privilege of attending the two weeks Audio-Visual Communication Seminar at Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Missionary Personnel: Mrs. McCannon reported on the outstanding success of the 1965 summer mission tour, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham. The Rev. and Mrs. John Johns of Hosston served as counselors. Thirty-five young

people were able to make the trip, although 27 applications had to be turned down because of lack of available space. This year's tour included several areas in Kentucky and Virginia where poverty is a very real problem. Three days were spent in Nashville visiting Methodist agencies.

Mrs. McCammon then presented the recommendation of the Tour Committee that another tour be conducted in 1956, possibly of the mid-West, with Mr. and Mrs. Oldham as directors again. The supplementary financing would come from the Louisiana Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Dameron asked for a vote, and approval of the recommendation was given unanimously for another tour; Mrs. Dameron felt that more of the local societies should hear reports from the young people who go each year on the tour. She further pointed out that, at this time, the Louisiana conference leads the Jurisdiction in the number of recruits.

The afternoon session adjourned at 5:30, to meet immediately following the dinner hour.

The members of the Executive Committee were guests for dinner in the beautiful home of Mrs. W. B. Lawton. She was assisted in serving by the president of the Henning Memorial Woman's Society, Mrs. Robert Anderson. After a delicious buffet dinner and a period of relaxed fellowship, Mrs. Dameron convened the evening business session at 8:00 p.m., having first presented Mrs. Lawton and Mrs. Anderson to the group.

Secretary of Program Materials: Mrs. Ellis pointed out that there is a great deal of excellent free literature now available which societies should be using. The sale of literature at the School of Christian Mission was less than in previous years, but it is thought that many bought books before coming to the School. She reported on the discussions at the Regional School of Christian Mission on the evaluation reports, and presented to the group an unusual idea which showed the value of the reports. Mrs. Ellis will attend a meeting November 3-10, at the Service Center in Cincinnati, representing the Louisiana conference.

Secretary of Supply Work: Mrs. Kelley reported that of the total amount of askings for this conference (\$16,387.58), there was paid in during the first period \$3,921.41. This included some offerings from Christmas in July observances. Since the payments of askings are usually low in the first quarter, it is expected that the full obligation will be met by the end of the year. The Conference overpaid its askings last year.

Secretary of Spiritual Life: Mrs. James reported on many activities, relating to her work, in which she had an active part. As a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Jurisdiction, she was able to make contact with Mrs. Cecil Matthews, the Jurisdiction Secretary of Spiritual Life, and then later to have the opportunity of sitting in on the School of Prayer in Miniature which Mrs. Matthews conducted in April at Alexandria. From this came the plans for the "Day Apart," which was conducted in every district. Mrs. James participated in the Regional School in Dallas and was chairman of the planning committee responsible for the Self Study held in Pineville in June. Mrs. James prepared the table blessings for the School of Christian Mission, and planned with Margaret Wade Campbell for the morning meditations held each morning in the amphitheater. Also at the School, she had for sale 14 copies of the new Book of Worship, all of which were sold.

President: Mrs. Dameron reported that this year, in the time allotted for the report of the Society and Guild at the Annual Conference, Bishop Walton presented Mrs. Glenn Laskey, president of the Division, to the conference. This year she had an interesting experience serving on the planning committee and acting as Assistant Dean for the Gulf Region School of Christian Mission. In addition to the usual functions as a member of the Board of Sager Brown, Dulac, and MacDonell, Mrs. Dameron worked on the Study Committee for MacDonell and represented the President of the Division at the dedication of the new school building at Sager Brown. She also spent a weekend at Business Girls' Inn, holding conferences with the director and selected Board members, and installing the new officers of the Board.

Mrs. Dameron reported participation in four conference schools of Christian Mission, the Jurisdiction and Conference Guild Weekend meetings and the Jurisdictional Board of Missions and Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah. Since the first of this conference year, she attended the following cooperative meetings: the Conference Board of Missions, the 1,000 Club, the executive committee of the Louisiana Council of Churches and the Area Council. Wherever possible, she has spoken in local societies and guilds.

Bishop Walton has honored the Society and Mrs. Dameron by naming her as a delegate to the Methodist Urban Convocation, meeting in Chicago in February, and to the World Methodist Conference, to be held in London, England, next August.

Mrs. Dameron took the opportunity in this, her last mid-year executive session as president, to express appreciation for the fellowship which she has enjoyed with the members of the committee during the last four years.

Secretary of Missionary Personnel, South Central Jurisdiction: Mrs. Giessen shared with the committee many of the experiences she has had since taking office. One impression she has had, as she met with leaders of the church, is the lack of complacency on the part of all with things as they are. She quoted Dr. Tracey Jones as saying that there is not so much need for more people on the mission field as there is a need for dedicated Christian laymen, working as doctors, teachers, etc. Mrs. Giessen told of plans in the Jurisdiction of a pilot experiment to decide what this Jurisdiction can do to give better vocational guidance. In conclusion, she read a letter from Carol Wood in Korea. Those wishing to correspond with her may send letters c/o Methodist Missions International, P. O. Box 1182 Seoul, Korea.

School of Christian Mission—1965: Mrs. Dean reported the total number registered for the 1965 School of Christian Mission was 272. This number included 258 students, with 222 enrolled in Application Groups, 122 in Special Interest Groups, and 79 in the Coaching Sessions. The Officer Responsibility Groups had an attendance of 182, of these 54 were district officers and secretaries of lines of work. The total number of churches represented was 120.

Committee on School of Christian Mission—1966: Mrs. Howe announced the dates for the 1966 school as July 18-22 and the study to be entitled, "Affluence and Poverty: Dilemma for Christians," and James and I Peter. The format will be as before with plenary sessions, etc. Application group leaders who have already accepted include the Rev. Woodrow Hearn, the Rev. Phil Woodland, Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, and Mrs. Alfredo Nanez.

The committee voted to invite the Conference and District Missionary Secretaries, Conference and District Secretaries of Christian Social Concerns, the Conference chairman of the Board of Missions, and the local chairmen of the Commissions on Missions. The school will also be open to other laymen who wish to come. To this end, Mrs. Dameron suggested that the committee work with Mr. Tom Matheny, conference lay leader.

Committee on Tours: Mrs. McCammon moved that the conference Woman's Society again sponsor the mission tour and that Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham be asked again to act as tour leaders. The motion passed.

Committee on Annual Meeting: Mrs. Mouton, chairman for the 1966 program, reviewed the plans for the Annual Meeting, indicating that the theme selected will be "For He Has Chosen Me." She told of some of the features of special interest, as well as the various speakers and leaders. Plans will again be made for the executive committee to have a quiet hour before the first session and for them to have lunch with the delegates, rather than apart as in previous years.

Committee on Nominations: Mrs. Watson reported on the officers who will be elected at the 1966 Annual Meeting for 4 years: Secretary of Campus Ministry, Secretary of Missionary Personnel, Secretary of Program Materials, Secretary of Spiritual Life, and Secretary of Supply Work. In order to bring the pattern of election in line with elections in the By-Laws, the Treasurer in 1966 will be elected for 2 years.

Alexandria District Advisory Committee: In the absence of Mrs. McSween, chairman, Mrs. Dameron reported on the retirement of Mrs. Martha Overbey from work in the Alexandria district, thus closing the work of the committee for the present.

Places of Meeting: Mrs. James reported that an invitation had been extended for the Annual Meeting of 1967 from First Methodist Church, Lake Charles. The invitation was warmly received and a suggested date of March 13 was made for the opening of the 1967 meeting.

The time of 8:45 a.m. was set for the reconvening of the executive committee on Wednesday morning. The Tuesday evening session was adjourned at 10:00 p.m., after a closing prayer by Mrs. McCammon.

Wednesday, October 14, 1965

The devotional Wednesday morning was presented in an original panel form, under the direction of Mrs. James. The theme, "Peace and Serenity," was developed by panel members Mesdames McGowan, Kelley, Ellis and Trice. A beautiful solo,

sung by Mrs. Fay Thornton, accompanied by Mrs. Robert Compton at the organ, highlighted the presentation of this very effective devotional.

Committee on Finance: Mrs. Kavanaugh read the proposed budget for 1966-67, showing an increase over that of 1965-66 of \$340.00, representing \$42.50 increase per district. This would be divided between the Guild (\$7.00 per district) and the Woman's Society (\$35.00 per district). Mrs. Gallaher moved the adoption (as printed below). Motion passed.

1966-67 Pledge to Missions—Woman's Division	\$156,096.00
1966-67 Conference Budget	13,360.00
TOTAL for 1966-67	\$169,456.00

1. District Pledges to Conference:

Alexandria	\$ 14,349.50
Baton Rouge	26,314.50
Lafayette	13,596.50
Lake Charles	20,136.50
Monroe	19,985.50
New Orleans	21,904.50
Ruston	17,377.50
Shreveport	35,791.50
TOTAL	\$169,456.00

2. Proposed Conference Budget, 1966-67:

Office Expense	\$ 1,300.00
Annual Meeting	1,600.00
Annual Report	1,400.00
Mid-Year Executive Meeting	250.00
Jurisdiction Annual Meeting	750.00
Regional School of Christian Mission	900.00
Cultivation	850.00
Conference School of Christian Mission	1,400.00
Youth Work	600.00
News	630.00
Christian Social Relations	300.00
Christian Vocations	200.00
Cooperative Meetings	300.00
Miscellaneous	400.00
Tour	300.00
Woman's Division Cultivation	80.00
Guild	2,100.00
TOTAL	\$ 13,360.00

Mrs. Gallaher pointed out that the district pledges represent the 25% increase asked by the Woman's Division. Mrs. Dameron called attention to Article V of the By-Laws which allows 15% of total funds for cultivation, and stated that the budget has never been in that large amount.

3. That when persons from the Louisiana Conference are commissioned as deaconesses or as missionaries, a gift of \$25.00 shall be presented to them and a Special Membership be given in their honor.

Since this recommendation necessitates a change in the Standing Rules, Mrs. Trice moved that this recommendation be amended to read "With reference to Standing Rule 19, p. 106, *Annual Report*, Standing Rules of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, it is recommended that when persons from the Louisiana Conference, . . ." Motion passed. Mrs. Gallaher moved that the recommendations be adopted as amended. **Motion passed.**

4. That a conference-wide one-day training school for district officers and secretaries shall be held annually, if finances permit, beginning in the 1965-66 conference year. Mrs. Trice moved that this be amended to read "With reference to Standing Rule 28, p. 107, 25th *Annual Report*, Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, it is recommended that a conference-wide . . ." Motion passed. Mrs. Gallaher moved that the recommendation be adopted as amended. **Motion passed.**

5. That with reference to Standing Rule 6, Standing Rules for the Local Societies, p. 13, 25th *Annual Report*, and with reference to Article V, By-Laws of the District Woman's Society of Christian Service, p. 109, 25th *Annual Report*, the local society shall include in its budget not less than 15 cents and not more than 25 cents for district cultivation, the exact amount to be determined by the district committee on finance. Mrs. Kavanaugh moved the adoption of this recommendation. **Motion passed.**
6. That, because of the distance to the Assembly in 1966, the Conference Woman's Society omit sending a student delegate. Mrs. Gallaher moved its adoption. **Motion passed.**
7. That we allow expenses for the Conference Vice-President to attend the Workshop on Worship at Baltimore, Maryland, in April, 1966. Mrs. Gallaher moved its adoption. **Motion passed.**
8. That we allow the expenses for the Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel and Secretary for Campus Ministry to attend a Pilot Project on Christian Vocations, to be held in Ardmore, Oklahoma, November 30 through December 1, 1965. Mrs. Gallaher moved its adoption. **Motion passed.**
9. That we pay travel expenses for the members of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Woman's Society of Christian Service who attend the Bi-Racial Day Apart in Baton Rouge, November 3, 1965. Each person attending shall pay for her lunch. Mrs. Trice moved that the word "Interjurisdiction" be substituted for "Bi-Racial." **Motion passed.** Mrs. Gallaher moved the recommendation be adopted as amended. **Motion passed.**
10. a. That, at the request of Miss Mona Kewish of the National Division of the Board of Missions, the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild make a supplementary gift of \$10,000 toward the expense of building and equipment for two new cottages at MacDonell Methodist Center. Mrs. Thomas moved that this recommendation be amended to add "The local Societies and Guilds will be advised by April, 1966." **Motion passed.**
 b. That this amount be paid over a period of several years beginning with \$1,200.00 in the Conference year 1966-67. Mrs. Giessen moved that "several years" be amended to read "in a period of time, not to exceed seven years." **Motion passed.**
 c. That local Societies and Guilds be requested to include a supplementary gift for MacDonell Methodist Center in their budgets for 1966-67. The amount to be determined by each local group. The total recommendation, on motion from Mrs. Gallaher, was adopted as amended.
11. That we refer the matter of bank signatures of the district treasurers and district presidents for study to a special committee, to be appointed by the conference president and to report not later than the Spring Executive Committee meeting. Mrs. Gallaher moved its adoption. **Motion passed.**
12. That \$400 from the Recruitment Fund be used to help finance the 1966 youth tour for missions. Mrs. Gallaher moved its adoption. **Motion passed.**

Mrs. Jack Dolan, local chairman on arrangements of the Henning Memorial Church, was introduced by Mrs. Dameron to the group.

The meeting recessed for a coffee break.

A long-distance call came during the recess for Mrs. Dameron, Mrs. Mouton and the Executive Committee from Mrs. Edna (Robley) Davis, former Conference officer, to let the committee know that her love and prayers were with the meeting.

Mrs. Dameron appointed as committee members to study the matter of signatures on the district treasurers' bank forms Mesdames Gallaher, Kavanaugh, Richardson, Ratliff, and McSween. She also appointed a committee to study plans for the training day for district officers, the members to be Mesdames McCammon, chairman, Thomas, Aycock, and Clayton.

Mrs. Trice moved that the date for a one-day officers' training meeting to be set for Wednesday, April 27, First Church, Alexandria. A noon meal will be served, not to exceed \$1.00. **Motion passed.**

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws: Mrs. McGowan presented changes to be considered by the Executive Committee without adoption. A vote will be taken at the Annual Meeting in March.

Louisiana Methodist and Comment Series: Mrs. Dameron said that Mrs. Knox of the **Louisiana Methodist** had been most helpful about the Woman's Society material in the paper. Mrs. Knox did suggest that the Conference Guild Chairman, as well as the Secretary of the Guild be included in the "Comment" series. She also indicated that the paper would like to receive more news of the districts. Mrs. Dameron asked that Mrs. Ellis work out another series to take care of the articles in the **Louisiana Methodist** that would run through the Spring of 1966.

Mrs. Howe moved that the president appoint a committee to study the best uses that can be made by the Woman's Society and the Guild of the various news media available to us. **Motion passed.**

Mrs. Dameron announced that Nancy Tebow had accepted the responsibility for keeping the Membership Book. Mrs. Thomas moved that a note be written to Mrs. Tebow, thanking her for accepting this task.

The need in the Louisiana Conference for a historian was pointed out by Mrs. Dameron.

The morning session was adjourned for lunch, served at the Henning Memorial Church by the Woman's Society of the Vinton Methodist Church. The Rev. James Poole, pastor of the Vinton church, led the group in prayer before the meal. Since the president of their society, Mrs. James Poole, could not be present, Mrs. Gerald Cormier served in her place.

With the beginning of the afternoon session, Mrs. Dameron appointed as members of the committee on news media Mesdames Trice and Howe, with Miss Georgia Dailey as consultant.

Louisiana Conference News: Mrs. McGowan reported on a meeting of representatives of the Woman's Society and the Guild held just prior to the mid-year meeting. At this meeting it was decided to recommend that four copies a year be published, with the January issue to promote the Annual Meeting and the June issue to promote the School of Christian Mission. The other two issues would promote various phases of the work. The format would include 8 sheets of two columns to a page. The Guild has already started taking subscriptions of \$1.00 per year.

The staff will include Mrs. Howe as editor with Mrs. McCammon gathering material for the Woman's Society and Miss Mildred Evans, the Guild. Mrs. W. B. Gardner will secure subscriptions from the Woman's Society. The former Woman's Society editors of the Louisiana News will gather the Woman's Society news for the Woman's Society for the January issue, while Mrs. Howe will be in charge of the actual printing. Mrs. McGowan proposed the name of *Christian Service Times* as the new publication name. Mrs. Gallaher moved that the Executive Committee recommend this name to the publication committee. Motion passed. With reference to the securing of subscriptions to the paper, Mrs. Gardner, new circulation manager, suggested that promotion would have to be made in the districts, as well as in the Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Thomas moved that the subscription campaign be launched with the Annual Meeting in March, the subscription year to coincide with that of the Guild subscription year. Motion passed. Attention was called to the necessity of obtaining the lists of new officers in the local societies immediately upon election.

Mrs. Thomas moved that the district recording secretaries and the district presidents cooperate in preparing correct lists of district and local officers for the **Annual Report**. **Motion passed.**

Mrs. Seegers moved that the recommendations be sent again in advance to the local societies. **Motion passed.**

Mrs. Trice moved that the recommendations of the Conference officers be received by a committee on recommendations who would condense the materials in such a manner that the societies would receive the recommendations in advance of the Annual Meeting in the following form:

1. A statement of the recommendations which all officers hold in common.

2. Those recommendations which deal with each specific officer and secretary of line of work be included under that area of work. **Motion passed.**

Mrs. Mouton moved that a committee be appointed to study the value of recommendations in the Louisiana conference by the mid-year executive meeting in 1966. **Motion passed.**

The afternoon session recessed for a coffee break.

Mrs. Dameron told the committee of her plans to be out of the state in the month of December, visiting her son and his family. In the event of an emergency, she can be reached in care of Dr. George Dameron, 501 46th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida.

The following committee appointments were made by Mrs. Dameron: Committee on Recommendations for 1966: the recording secretary and the conference president; the Committee to Study the Value of Recommendations: Mrs. Gardner, chairman; Mrs. Dean, and Mrs. Clayton.

The secretary was asked to read Article IV, Section 6 of the By-Laws with reference to the election of a delegate six months before the Assembly. Mrs. Clayton was elected to serve as the delegate with the president. Alternates named were Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Gardner. Some of the districts reported that their delegates had already been named.

Mrs. Robards volunteered to secure information concerning various prices on transportation to Portland, Oregon, for the Assembly.

Mrs. Dameron presented the matter of the "Charter of Racial Policies" which, she felt, should be considered by the Executive Committee at this time and not to be left for an incoming administration. The recording secretary was asked to read the Charter in its entirety. Mrs. Dameron pointed out that the committee would recognize that many of the points had already been implemented throughout the Church. The vote was to be balloted only by the voting members of the Executive Committee (conference officers and the president of each district). The vote was, as Mrs. Dameron explained, not to involve the local society or district of those voting. Mrs. Reich and Mrs. Spencer acted as tellers and brought in the count of the ballots to read: 13 for the ratification and 8 opposed.

Mrs. Dameron reported receiving information through Mrs. Laskey of a suggestion of a press room at the Annual Meeting. This would facilitate the dissemination of vital information at that time. There are plans also to hold a conference on public relations, set up on a regional basis, to which representatives would be sent at the expense of the individual conference. Mrs. Dameron was instructed to write the Division, indicating the interest of this conference in the Department of News Service's suggestions.

Conference Historian

Mrs. Coffee, president of the South Central Jurisdiction, Mrs. Dameron explained, has urged that each conference have a historian or a historical committee. Mrs. Thomas moved the office of Historian be created for the Louisiana Conference, and that such a person be named by the Conference Executive Committee to be a member of this body. **Motion passed.**

Inter-Jurisdiction Day Apart. Mrs. McGowan reported on the plans for this day, to be called "A School of Prayer for a Life of Commitment," to meet in Baton Rouge, November 3, 1965, at the William B. Reily University Methodist Church. Elton Trueblood's **Company of the Committed** will be used for much of the material. Mrs. Dameron asked for an indication of those who would be present for this day.

In addition to the balloting for new officers at the Annual Meeting, Mrs. Dameron pointed out that an alternate delegate to the Jurisdiction Society meeting will have to be elected.

Disposition of File and Typewriter. Mrs. Dameron brought to the attention of the group the necessity of disposing of the file and the typewriter which had been used by the former Church and Community Worker. After discussion, Mrs. Scheffer offered to obtain the articles in her station wagon, bring them to Pineville to Mrs. Dameron's home. Mrs. Dean, conference secretary of missionary education can make use of the file, while Mrs. Gallaher, treasurer, can use the typewriter.

Mrs. Clayton requested that each district president and secretary of membership cultivation make a survey of causes for the loss in membership in the Woman's Society and the Guild by May 5. Mrs. Dameron suggested that personal contact with members and societies wherever such losses exist would be helpful. She further added that perhaps controversial issues, greater employment of women, and rural migration might be contributing factors to these losses, but that she thought the Woman's Division should be asked for help in finding a solution.

Report of the Institutions: Before hearing from the institutions, Mrs. Dameron reminded the group of Standing Rule 25, which set up a district committee to visit institutions within the bounds of each district.

Business Girls' Inn: Mrs. Snelling reported briefly on the new set of rules which are being set for the girls. She also told of plans to change the name of the institution.

Wesley Foundation, Louisiana Tech: Mrs. Aycok reported on the enthusiastic response the students have given to the program, with as many as 164 attending a sing vesper service. She also said that work is being done to relate the Wesley Foundation to the local societies.

Wesley Foundation, Northeastern: Plans have been worked out for a Day on Campus which has given local women a greater contact with the university world, it was reported by Mrs. Howe.

The afternoon session was adjourned to meet following dinner.

Dinner was served at the Wesley Methodist Church through the courtesy of the women of that church. Mrs. Arthur Hoffpauir, vice-president of that church's Woman's Society, was in charge and introduced the members of her committee, following the blessing, given by the Rev. Dan Tohline, pastor.

Following the fine dinner, the committee went into the sanctuary where the Rev. Tohline, accompanied by Mrs. Tohline at the organ, led in a spiritually stimulating song service, using songs from the new Methodist hymnal, which is to be available in 1966.

Committee on Journal: Mrs. Reich reported that the minutes had been examined and found to be in good order.

Committee on Resolutions: Mrs. Ratliff read the following resolutions which were adopted by a rising vote in appreciation:

We, the members of the Louisiana Conference Executive Committee, wish to express our thanks for the many courtesies extended to us during our mid-year executive meeting;

We express deep appreciation to the members of the Woman's Society of Henning Memorial Methodist Church and to Mrs. Robert Anderson, president, for their careful and thoughtful concern for our comfort and enjoyment;

To the Rev. D. W. Poole for the inspirational atmosphere and thought-provoking mediation provided for our meeting;

To the Woman's Societies at Westlake, Vinton, and Wesley churches which prepared and served such delicious meals and morning and afternoon coffee;

To everyone who opened their homes to house these members;

To Mrs. W. B. Lawton for the delicious dinner and gracious hospitality;

To Mrs. Jack Doland who was general chairman;

To Mrs. Robert Compton for the beautiful flowers;

To Mrs. Thornton for the beautiful solo for our worship;

To the Rev. and Mrs. Dan Tohline for leading us in a song service;

To all who helped make the meeting a time of rich Christian fellowship;

We express our sincere gratitude.

Mrs. J. R. Kavanaugh
Mrs. Charles Cain
Mrs. Clifford Ratliff

The report on the institutions was continued:

Southwestern University: Mrs. Thomas reported that the Wesley Foundation had a fine summer program this year. New problems, however, will arise in working with the freshmen on the New Iberia campus.

Sager-Brown: Mrs. Dameron reported that several on the Board went for the dedication of the new building. The next construction will be that of a new cafeteria and administration building. Excellent teaching is being done there for a culturally deprived children.

MacDonell Methodist Center: Mrs. McCammon reported that the campus came through the recent hurricane with a minimum of damage. It is hoped that new buildings will be built through the National Division of Missions. The problem of dealing with emotionally disturbed children continues to be a great one.

Dulac: A new 54-passenger bus has been authorized and a new home is to be built for the director.

St. Marks: Mrs. Gallaher reported that 150 refugees were housed in St. Marks during the hurricane. Miss Daves will retire December 31. A new athletic director has been employed and Miss Jean Wineinger is one of the new workers. A program of upgrading adults, as well as two evening classes for Cuban refugees, is being conducted.

Cooperative Meetings and Plans: Mrs. Dameron reported on meeting with the Area Council.

Mrs. Gardner reported on meeting with the Louisiana Organization for State Legislation in March and found it a most informative and interesting group. Although she was unable to attend the June session, some helpful information concerning legislation came out of the meeting. With the help of Mrs. Ruth Hotalen, chairman of the conference committee on legislation, copies of the minutes were mailed to each of the district secretaries.

Mrs. Mouton reported on the work with the United Church Women with which she and Mrs. Gardner work as representatives of the conference Woman's Society. She lifted up a very helpful booklet on "The Picture Story of the United Church Women," which may be secured from the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027. She pointed out how important it is to the ecumenical church movement for the women to participate in the United Church Women.

Mrs. Mouton also reported on the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation as a member of the Board of Trustees. She reported on the plans for a new building as the headquarters. The Foundation finds a great demand for another worker in the field of alcohol. She reminded the group of the Standing Rules of the Conference which asks for 25¢ per member to help secure such a worker. The Rev. Mark Lower, she added, will speak to the Annual Meeting in March.

Mrs. Dameron closed the mid-year meeting by reading the words of the hymn, "Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee," as most appropriate for the conclusion of the session.

Approved: Mrs. Robert Reich
Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Mrs. George Thomas

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, President
Mrs. W. E. Trice, Recording Secretary

SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Baton Rouge, Louisiana—March 7, 1966

The Spring meeting of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was convened at 11 a.m., March 7, 1966, in the Woman's Parlor of the Reily Memorial University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, by Mrs. G. W. Dameron, president. Mrs. Dameron expressed her appreciation for the many friends on the Executive Committee who had helped to make her four year term of office easier, quoting from the selection, "I Have A Friend" by Thomas Carlyle.

Mrs. T. L. James led the opening worship, using the hymn, "I Have Found A Friend." She quoted the words of Jesus: "I have called you friends," saying that Jesus spoke down through the ages to all friends who keep His commandments and strive to do His will. She questioned whether we are worthy of such love as Christ gives to us. We do not even tell our friends about us how much they mean to us. Expressing appreciation for the association of friends on the Executive Committee, she pointed out that Christianity is a religion of friendship—learning how to live with God and His people.

The roll was then called by the recording secretary and the following were present: Mesdames G. W. Dameron, J. B. Mouton, W. E. Trice, Carl Gallaher, John L. Howe, W. B. Gardner, Max Clayton, Garland Dean, T. M. Ellis, T. Luster James, J. B. Kelley, and Miss Arline Tyler; also Mesdames Charles H. Giessen, Wideman Watson, C. B. McGowan, S. E. Richardson, Clifford Ratliff, Oren L. Kelsey, Robert Reich, George H. Thomas, Charles Cain, M. T. Holloway, Robert Compton, Jesse R. Porter, S. A. Seegers, Lucille Goodwin, R. R. Cahal, J. E. Manis, L. C. Aycock, J. T. Spencer, W. D. Snelling, and J. R. Kavanaugh.

Mrs. Dameron recognized Miss Georgia Daily, Director of Methodist Information, who displayed a bound copy of the Woman's Page of the Louisiana Methodist which will eventually be in the permanent possession of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society.

Miss Arline Tyler, Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, was recognized, and expressed appreciation for her attendance at the Executive Committee meeting.

Mrs. James announced that the time apart for the Executive Committee would be on Tuesday at 11 a.m. and that the doors would be closed promptly at 11, thus insuring a quiet time for the meditation to follow.

Minutes of the Administrative Committee were read with regard to the sending of a delegate or observer to the Action Imperative: Mission Conference at Frogmore, S.C. The action to send observers was approved.

Corrections of the Mid-Year Executive Committee minutes were offered in the deleting of the reference to the By-laws in the recommendations of the Committee on Finance.

Mrs. Dameron announced the appointment of necessary committees, and the appointments were read by the Secretary as follows: **Journal:** Mesdames Robert Reich and George Thomas, assisted by Mrs. L. C. Aycock; **Courtesies:** Mesdames S. A. Seegers, L. C. Aycock, and J. B. Kelley; **Resolutions and Petitions:** Mesdames Charles H. Giessen, Garland Dean, and R. R. Cahal; **Tellers:** Mrs. George Thomas, chairman, who announced the distributing and counting tellers. These tellers will meet Tuesday night at conclusion of the program at the Capital House. Each district president was asked to name an alternate for the tellers from her district.

Mrs. Dameron announced that at the evening session of the Executive Committee she would play a record of excerpts from the annual meeting of the Board of Missions. She also announced that Mrs. Laskey would be unable to attend any of the Executive Committee sessions, due to the illness of her husband, but she hoped to be able to attend some later sessions of the Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Howe announced that placemats have been especially printed for use at the Annual Meeting luncheon. These will be available for district Annual Meetings.

Mrs. Giessen reported on progress being made in the South Central Jurisdiction. Eight conferences, including Louisiana, have reported membership gains. Lists of leadership persons have been prepared for the Jurisdiction to be used in the School of Missions, Retreats, and in Schools of Prayer. She also announced that the South Central Jurisdiction will meet at the Assembly in Portland, Oregon, May 11, at the Sheraton Motor Inn.

The session adjourned for lunch, served by the nine circles of the Reily Memorial University Methodist Woman's Society. Mrs. William H. Patrick was chairman of the event. Paper poppies and roses, made by Mrs. Bentley Sloane, wife of the District Superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, gave the luncheon tables a festive air.

The afternoon session convened at 1:30. Mrs. Dean moved that the District

Secretary of Missionary Education and Service be included in the committee for visiting home institutions within the bounds of the district and that the duties be broadened to keep in touch with the workers. **Motion carried.** It was then referred to Committee on Constitution and Bylaws with reference to Standing Rule No. 25.

Mrs. Dameron asked Mrs. Dean to explore the possibility of itinerating certain delegates coming to the General Conference in Chicago in November, 1966, working with the Rev. Mr. Kenneth Rorie. Mrs. Watson moved that if the Rev. Mr. Rorie were interested possibilities of a cooperative program be investigated, the date contingent on the date set for Mid-year Executive Committee. The motion was carried. The date of Nov. 11-20 was chosen as preferable.

At this point, the president presented a letter from Mrs. George Tigner, Jr., president of the Homer Woman's Society, inviting the Mid-year session of the Executive Committee to meet in Homer either the second or third week of October.

Mrs. Dean presented a detailed and provocative proposal for the new "Committees of Mission Studies" and suggestions for "Gift from Study."

Miss Arline Tyler, Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, thanked the Woman's Society for the cooperation given her during the four years she served as Secretary. She also gave a brief resume of the Conference Guild Week-end just concluded, and expressed the hope that the new Secretary, Miss Mildred Evans, would receive the same fine cooperation.

Mrs. Ellis, Secretary of Program Materials, called attention to the 1966 Report of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, explaining that suggestions for the use of it would be printed in the May issue of *The Methodist Woman*.

Mrs. Mouton, chairman of this year's program for the Annual Meeting, called attention to several items of particular interest. The local committee has provided name tags with different colors of ribbons, designating Conference officers, regular delegates, etc. She urged that the evaluation sheets be filled out early and left with the Recording Secretary in the event of having to leave. Mrs. James will process the questions from the Question Box on Tuesday evening for the Wednesday program.

Mrs. Dameron read a procedure for going to and leaving the platform during the sessions. She further explained the election procedures for electing the Conference Officers and alternate delegates to the Jurisdiction Conference. The Recording Secretary will first read Standing Rule 3 of the By-laws explaining those eligible to vote. Then the bar of the Conference will be established. Following this the Committee on Nominations will give its report.

Mrs. Watson, chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented the names of the nominees, as well as pointing out those officers who will be elected in 1968. Mrs. Thomas moved a vote of appreciation be given to Mrs. Watson and the committee for the excellent work done. It was done by common consent.

Mrs. Gardner reported on the Committee to Study Recommendations. The Committee decided to work on the problems at the local level. A questionnaire will be sent to the president of the local societies, trying to evaluate the use of the recommendations in the local societies. These will be returned by May 5, 1966.

Mrs. Clayton reported on the Committee on membership—Gains and Losses. She said that the numbers reported for membership necessitate accurate rolls checked by the president, membership committee, and the recording secretary. The need for personal contact was pointed out by Mrs. Dameron, saying that no magic nor any gimmick can be substituted. Mrs. Clayton presented a suggestion being made throughout the jurisdiction for the local societies whereby the name of an individual is given to three people for nurturing, even though they do not join a society.

In the absence of Mrs. C. R. McCammon, chairman, Mrs. Thomas reported for the Committee on District Officers Training. The time has been set for April 20, 9:30-3:00, in Pineville. The Committee suggested that the work of the zone leaders be discussed in the group with the presidents. The Conference officers will write the corresponding District officer. At noon of that day the district officers will meet by districts. After much discussion, Mrs. Howe moved that the zone leaders be included in the day's training with a separate leader for them. **Motion carried.**

With regard to the committee appointed to study the proper signatures to be included on the bank signature cards by the district treasurers, Mrs. Gallaher re-

ported that provision had been made for signing checks, in the event of the disability of the treasurer, in 1959, and is now being made into a Standing Rule by the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. She pointed out that where an individual bank requires a second signature, both persons will have to be bonded.

Miss Daily of Methodist Information, with regard to the Committee on News Media, reported that a Methodist Information person will be named for each district. She further recommended that the Woman's Society have a representative on the Director's District committee. She is planning to organize workshops for each district.

Mrs. McGowan, in the absence of Mrs. McSween, reported for the Committee of Constitution and By-Laws, reading the recommended changes. The inclusion of Rule 30, with regard to bank signatures, was accepted. It was moved by Mrs. Trice that the report of the Committee with the changes indicated be accepted. Motion carried. Mrs. Dameron pointed out that many changes are being made simply to bring the Conference By-laws in line with changes being made by the Woman's Division.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(Changes are set in bold type)

ARTICLE III—COMMITTEES

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Amend SECTION 2 to read:

(a) There shall be a **Committee on Program** composed of the president, vice-president, recording secretary, **the secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, program materials, spiritual life cultivation, Wesleyan Service Guild and such other members as may be needed.** The committee shall elect its chairman annually.

(b) The Committee shall be responsible for planning a program of information and inspiration in harmony with the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, at the meeting of the Conference Society.

ARTICLE IV—ELECTIONS

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Amend SECTION 1, paragraphs two, three and four to read:

The officers and secretaries shall be elected biennially for a term of four years. No officer or secretary shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the following shall be elected at the annual meeting the second year of the quadrennium: a president, a secretary for campus ministry, a **secretary of missionary personnel**, a secretary of program materials, a secretary of spiritual life cultivation, a secretary of supply work.

At the annual meeting of the fourth year of the quadrennium the following shall be elected: a vice-president, a recording secretary, a treasurer, a **secretary of Christian social relations**, a secretary of membership cultivation, a secretary of missionary education and service.

STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

Amend RULE 19, page 106, TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT, to read:

When persons from the Louisiana Conference are commissioned as Deaconesses or Missionaries, a gift of \$25.00 shall be presented them and a Special Membership given in their honor.

Amend RULE 21, page 106, TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT, by deleting in the quadrennial pattern.

Amend RULE 28, page 107, TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT, to read:

A conference-wide one day training school for district officers and secretaries shall be held each year beginning in 1965-1966.

RULE 30 (new)

That in the event of the death of the Treasurer of the Local Society, District Society, or Conference Society, or the disability of such Treasurer to the extent that she is unable to discharge the duties of said office, the President of the Local Society, District Society or Conference Society be authorized and empowered by the Administrative Committee of said Society to draw and sign checks on behalf of the said Society.

BYLAWS OF THE DISTRICT WOMAN'S SOCIETY

ARTICLE III—Committees

Amend SECTION 2, Page 108, TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT, to read:

(a) There shall be a Committee on Program composed of the president, vice-president, recording secretary, the secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, program materials, spiritual life cultivation, Wesleyan Service Guild and other members as may be needed. The committee shall elect its chairman annually.

(b) The committee shall be responsible for planning a program of information and inspiration in harmony with the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, at the meeting of the District Society.

ARTICLE IV—Elections

Amend SECTION 1, paragraph 2, Page 108, TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT, to read:

District officers and secretaries shall be elected for a term of two years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office. No officer or secretary shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years. One year or more of an unexpired term shall constitute a full term, with the privilege of re-election.

ARTICLE V—Cultivation Funds

Amend SECTION I, paragraph 2 (a), page 109, TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT, to read:

Each local society shall include in its budget for district cultivation an amount not less than fifteen cents (15¢) nor more than twenty-five cents (25¢) per member, to be remitted to the district treasurer, the amount to be determined by the District Committee on Finance.

STANDING RULES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES

Amend RULE 6, Page 113, TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT, to read:

The treasurer of each local Society shall send a copy of the total budget to the district treasurer not later than July 15. The budget shall include an amount not less than fifteen cents (15¢) nor more than twenty-five cents (25¢) per member for district cultivation, amount to be determined by district committee on Finance.

Mrs. J. E. Manis read the recommendations of the Finance Committee as follows:

1. That the Wednesday night offering of this Annual Meeting and special amounts received from local Guilds and Societies be sent to the 7th Assembly Special

Offering, which is to be used to increase pensions for retired Missionaries and Deaconesses.

2. That the Conference Society allow expense for the Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service to Jurisdictional Missionary Conference, Mt. Sequoyah, August 1-4, 1966.

3. That we recommend to each District Society that they allow expense for the Secretary of Missionary Education and Service to the Jurisdictional Missionary Conference, Mt. Sequoyah, August 1-4, 1966, and that, if needed, each District's expense will be supplemented by the Conference Society in an amount up to \$15.00.

4. That the Conference Society, as a courtesy, pay for lunches of all retired and active workers of the Louisiana Conference who attend the Jurisdiction meeting preceding the 7th Assembly.

5. That we instruct Mrs. J. H. McSween to have bound the Louisiana Conference Society Annual Reports for the quadrennium 1962-1966.

6. That \$150.00 be allowed for Conference Officers' Orientation Day.

7. That the Louisiana Conference Board of Missions be reimbursed \$50.00 toward the expense of Louisiana delegates to the Methodist Convocation on Urban Life recently held in Chicago, Illinois.

8. That the Conference Society assist with the expense, \$50.00 each, of two college students to the Missionary Conference, Mt. Sequoyah, August 1-4, 1966. This amount is to be taken from the Recruitment Fund.

9. That the expense of two cars from each district to the Conference School of Christian Mission be paid by the Conference for the year 1966-67. Each car is expected to accommodate four district officers or to be filled according to Standing Rule #14, page 106, **25th Annual Report**.

Mrs. Gallaher moved the acceptance of the recommendations. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Dean was asked to coordinate a travel plan for the young people, as well as the District Secretaries of Missionary Education, to the Jurisdictional Conference at Mt. Sequoyah.

The meeting adjourned until after the dinner hour.

Dinner was served at the home of the Baton Rouge District Superintendent and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Bentley Sloane, by the Baton Rouge District officers. Special guests were Bishop and Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton. Following the dinner hour, Mrs. Dameron was led on a treasure hunt. The treasure, when found, was a love gift from the Executive Committee for her trip with Brother Dameron to the World Methodist Conference, meeting in London, August 1966, to which she is an official delegate.

Committee on School of Christian Mission. Mrs. Howe gave a brief resume on some of the features of the 1966 School. Special interest groups this year will include those for the Committee on Nominations, planning for Church-wide mission study, the inclusive church, and self-study. On two days, time will be given for Officer Responsibility Groups, conducted by Conference officers. Thursday of the week will have a session for the Conference and District officers to plan for the District Workshops. All others will meet with Mrs. Gallaher for an hour on meeting the financial needs in the local societies. Help will be given in the application groups on how to teach in the local societies, and Mrs. Dean will work with a group on how to plan a mission study on the local level. There will be a Platform Committee to be composed of the district presidents.

Committee on Annual Report. Mrs. Trice reported on suggestions that had been made in the committee with regard to the 26th Report. It was suggested that those who serve on the executive committee, but who are not officers, such as chairmen of committees, be listed with their addresses along with the committee. Other items included a decision to keep the spiral bindings for use of the officers; sending copies of the Report to all Conference board chairmen and a copy to the president of the

Central Jurisdiction; limiting the number of words for reports of the officers to 200 words; asking the Secretary of the Guild to make an introduction to the reports of the Guild; working on the use of an index.

Committee on Tours. Mrs. John Oldham, tour director of the 1965 tour, expressed appreciation to the Conference for the opportunity she and her husband had in conducting the mission tour. She told of a recent reunion at Camp Brewer of the young people who had been in the tours at which many gave testimony of the Christian experience that had been theirs to learn about the whole church.

In comparison to the 32 who went on the first tour, two buses could have been filled on last year's tour. The 1966 tour has been planned to go to Chicago via Nashville, returning by the way of Missouri, using Trailway bus. The dates will be July 18-30. The cost of the tour will be \$85.00 per person.

Christian Service Times. Mrs. Howe and Mrs. Gardner reported on this new publication, saying that the next issue will have to be later than planned in order to include material on the School of Christian Mission. Mrs. Gardner has had posters made to be used for publicity at the District Annual Meetings. 1200 copies were mailed out for the first issue, but she asked that special attention be given to correct addresses and the inclusion of zip codes in order that the mailings reach the subscribers.

Mrs. Dameron pointed out that the names of the alternate and regular delegates to the Assembly have to be in by April 1. At the fall meeting Mesdames Dean and Gardner were elected alternates from the Conference. A ballot was taken to see which should be designated first and second alternate. Gladys Dean was voted first and Mary Ellen Gardner second.

Mrs. Dameron asked what disposition should be made of the invitation from the Homer society to have the Mid-Year Executive Committee to meet with them. Miss Tyler moved that the invitation be accepted. Motion passed. Mrs. Gardner moved that the week of October 11th be set as the date. Motion passed. The dates set for the meeting were October 11-13, 1966.

Mrs. Dameron announced that the state meeting of the United Church Women would convene in Monroe, March 31-April 1. By virtue of her office, Mrs. Mouton is the regular delegate. A vote was taken and Mrs. Lucille Goodwin was elected as the second delegate.

Miss Tyler moved that the Executive Committee confirm the election of Miss Mildred Evans as the new Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Motion passed.

Special Reports. Mrs. Ellis reported on the meeting of the conference for Secretaries of Program Materials in November in Cincinnati. 83 secretaries were present for what she felt to be a worthwhile meeting.

Mrs. Gardner reported on attending the Churchman's Seminar in Washington, at which time they were briefed by government men from the State Department, attended Senate hearings, etc. "It," she said, "was an excellent background for Christian Social Relations."

Mrs. Howe gave a brief report on her attendance at the Workshop on Christian Vocations.

Mrs. McGowan and Mrs. Howe reported on the Action Imperative: Mission conference which came to be called the "Frogmore Conference." Information on what is to be done to complete the merger with the Central Jurisdiction into the geographical jurisdictions was given. The international team present added much to the fact that race problems are no longer peculiar to our nation. The Conference was sponsored by the Board of Christian Social Concerns and the division of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division. The Rev. Mr. Woodrow Hearne went as a representative of the Louisiana Conference Board of Christian Social Concern, while Mrs. McGowan and Mrs. Howe went only as observers from the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society.

Mrs. Dameron reported on the Methodist Urban Conference she attended, explaining that it dealt exclusively with the urban church and the areas of conflict in which there can be brought about community reconciliation.

The Jurisdiction Board of Missions Conference which Mrs. Dameron also at-

tended was an affirmation of the positive, in contrast to the Chicago meeting, pointing up that the Church at work in the world has successes as well as failures.

The session adjourned with prayer led by Mrs. Dameron.

TUESDAY MORNING

A quiet time apart for the Executive Committee was conducted in the Chapel, preceding lunch, with Mrs. Gilbert Bandel of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, conducting the meditation. Soloist for the hour was Mr. Richard Veale, accompanied by Mrs. Walter Brock. Mrs. Robert Brupbacher led the worship with Scripture.

Luncheon was enjoyed with the arriving delegates in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Post-Conference Executive Committee

Thursday, March 12, 1966

Immediately following the close of the 26th Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee met for lunch in the Parlor. Mrs. Dameron reminded the Committee of the second week of October for the Mid-Year Meeting of the Executive Committee. A suggestion was made that the call letter for next year's annual meeting include an interpretation of the meaning of "one delegate for each 100 members or major fraction thereof."

Mrs. McCammon moved that the amount of \$85.00 per person be officially set for the 1966 Mission Tour, with the price being eventually set at \$90.00 per person, which would make it self-supporting. This recommendation was approved.

Mrs. Mouton, reporting for a meeting of the Committee on Program, stated that Mrs. Robert Reich had been selected to be the nominee for the 1967 Chairman. This was confirmed.

Mrs. McGowan, newly elected president, asked for help in deciding a theme for next year's program. She expressed the hope that Dr. and Mrs. Brand, missionary doctors to Vellore Christian Medical College, presently at the government hospital at Carville, might be speakers for the 1967 meeting.

The following persons were announced as chairmen for the School of Christian Mission in 1967: Dean, Mrs. Max Clayton; Assistant Dean, Mrs. John Howe; Chairman of Arrangements, Mrs. Wiley Gardner; Registrar, to be decided.

Mrs. Dameron presented Mrs. Era Tidwell, former Conférence and Jurisdiction officer.

Mrs. Thomas moved that a special letter of appreciation be sent to Mrs. George Sexton and Mrs. T. Haller Jackson who substituted in the program of installation and recognition.

Mrs. McGowan named several committees which she is now forming, effective with June. The Committee on Program will include Mesdames Reich, chairman, Mouton, Howe, Trice, Clayton, Compton, Gardner, Dean, and Miss Evans as committee members. Named to the *Committee on Mid-Year and Annual Meeting* are Mesdames Aycock, chairman, Bingham, and Miss Evans. The *Committee on Nominations* will include Mrs. Watson (chairman), and the presidents of the Baton Rouge, Alexandria, Lafayette, and Monroe districts. The *Committee on Tours* will include Mesdames Oldham, Dean, Howe, Aycock, Bingham, and McCammon, as well as the Reverend Mr. Kenneth Rorie.

Mrs. McGowan spoke briefly of the Regional School of Mission, June 20-24 in Dallas, saying that all Conference officers are expected to attend. She gave them cards to fill out, checking choices of instructors they will have at the School.

Following this the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: Committee on Journal

Mrs. Robert Reich
Mrs. George Thomas

Mrs. W. E. Trice, Recording Secretary
Mrs. G. W. Dameron, President

PROGRAM

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

"FOR HE HAS CHOSEN ME—FOR THE LIVING OF THESE DAYS"

Tuesday, March 8, 1966

AFTERNOON SESSION

"Ye have not chosen me . . ." John 15:16a

- 1:30 Organ Prelude Mrs. Robert Van Brock
Hymn "Jesus Calls Us" No. 233
Convening of the Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting.....Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Scripture and Prayer Mrs. Clifford Ratliff
Welcome Mrs. John Harvey
Presentation of Program Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr.
President's Message "Chosen" Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Hymn "How Great Thou Art" Back cover of program
Business
 Recommendations from Executive Committee
 Committee Appointments and Announcements
 Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.....Mrs. J. H. McSween
Wesleyan Service Guild Report, Closing Prayer Miss Arline Tyler
- 4:30 Tea — Governor's Mansion Hostesses: Mrs. John J. McKeithen,
 Woman's Society, Reily Memorial University Methodist Church

EVENING SESSION

Jack Tar Capital House — Grand Ball Room

- 7:00 Dinner Commemorating the 200th Anniversary of Methodism in the United
 States. Presiding Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Commemorative Address Bishop Aubrey G. Walton
Closing Prayer Dr. Bentley Sloane

Wednesday, March 9, 1966

MORNING SESSION

"Chosen of God and Precious"—I Peter 2:4

- 8:45 Organ Prelude Mrs. David Bell
Hymn "Rise Up O Men of God" No. 267
Scripture and Prayer The Reverend Mr. W. G. Parker
Report of Committee on Nominations Mrs. Wideman Watson
Balloting
"Christian Service Times" Mrs. W. B. Gardner
Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation..... Mr. Mark Lower
Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West".....No. 507
Report of Recording Secretary Mrs. W. E. Trice
Report of Treasurer Mrs. Carl Gallaher
"Panel of American Women"
 Moderator — Mrs. Patrick Murphy
 Panelists: Mrs. Cal Ledbetter, Jr., Mrs. Negail Riley, Mrs. Louis Snyderman,
 Mrs. W. T. Gilmore, Jr.
Solo "Consider and Hear Me" Alfred Wooler
Soloist Mrs. Covert Soule, Jr.
Meditation "Ambassadors for Christ" Dr. W. E. Trice
Benediction
- 12:15 Lunch "Love In Action" Cotillion Ball Room, Student Union Bldg.
 Presiding Mrs. J. B. Kelley

Business Girl's Inn Mrs. Maxine Watkins, Director
 McDonell Methodist Center Mrs. C. R. McCammon, President,
 Board of Directors

AFTERNOON SESSION

"But ye are a chosen generation"—1 Peter, 2:9a

- 1:50 Organ Prelude Mrs. Donald Crump
 Prayer Mrs. Charles Giessen
 "Confrontation" Coordinator, Mrs. W. E. Trice and Conference Officers
 Pledge Service Mrs. Carl Gallaher
- 6:00 Dinner
 International Night Jack Tar Capital House, Grand Ballroom
 Presiding Mrs. T. Luster James
 Featuring International Neighbors and World Federation of Methodist Women
- 6:00 Youth Dinner Cotillion Ball Room, Student Union Building
 Presiding Mrs. C. R. McCammon
 Address Dr. J. Edward Carothers

EVENING SESSION

- 8:00 Organ Prelude Mrs. Tim Pyron
 Hymn "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" No. 259
 Scripture and Prayer The Reverend Mr. Delton Pickering
 Offering
 Anthem "Almighty God of Our Fathers" Will James
 Choir
 Reily Memorial University Methodist Church
 Mr. Roger Hester Director
 Address "He Chose Twelve" Dr. J. Edward Carothers
 Benediction The Reverend Mr. Charles Humphreys

Thursday, March 10, 1966

MORNING SESSION

"A chosen vessel unto me"—Acts 9:15

- 8:45 Organ Prelude Mrs. David Bell
 Hymn "A Charge To Keep" No. 287
 Prayer Mrs. T. M. Ellis
 Service of Installation and Recognition—"Chosen Vessels"
 Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey
- Business—Report of Committees
 Report of Registration
 Place of Meeting, 1967
 Resolutions
- "Listening Panel"
 Moderator Dr. Clinton Bradford
 Panelists: Mrs. John Howe, Jr., Mrs. W. B. Gardner, The Reverend Mr. Barry
 Bailey, Mr. Joseph Kavanaugh, Dr. J. Edward Carothers
 Report of District Presidents—"Called, Committed, Challenged"
 Mrs. Robert Rich
- Holy Communion Dr. W. E. Trice
 and the Reverend Mr. Charles Humphreys
- The Women's Vocal Ensemble of Reily Memorial University
 Methodist Church
- Benediction Dr. W. E. Trice
 Adjournment
- Buffet Luncheon, Fellowship Hall, Courtesy of Woman's Society, Istrouma
 Methodist Church

JOURNAL OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Baton Rouge, Louisiana—March 8, 9, 10, 1966

The twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was convened at 1:30 p.m., March 8, 1966, in the sanctuary of the Reily Memorial University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the President, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, presiding.

Following the organ prelude by the organist, Mrs. Robert Van Brock, the conference was led in singing, "Jesus Calls Us" by Mrs. M. D. Socolofsky.

Mrs. Clifford Ratliff, president of the Baton Rouge District, led the opening worship, using as her Scripture, John 15:12-15.

Mrs. John C. Harvey, president of the Woman's Society of the host church, welcomed the delegates to the church. She pointed out that the occasion was more significant because this is the 25th anniversary of the year of the church and its minister, Dr. W. E. Trice.

Mrs. Dameron expressed appreciation to Mrs. Harvey and to Mrs. Kenneth Swartwood, general chairman for the local church, and to the several chairmen of her committee. The body was asked to stand in appreciation of the work of these women and their Society.

Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Conference Vice-President, who served as chairman for the 1966 program, was next presented by Mrs. Dameron. Mrs. Mouton spoke of the program, its theme, and the highlights of the various sessions, explaining something about the speakers who would appear before the meeting. She called attention to the name tags prepared by the local committee, using different colors of ribbons to designate Conference officers, District officers, delegates, and workers in the institutions. She called further attention to the transportation room, the press room, and the literature room. She also expressed hope that the chapel would be used for prayer by all. She said that a "Question Box" had been placed in the foyer of the church in which to place questions delegates would like to have answered by the Conference officers.

Following this presentation of the program, Mrs. Mouton introduced Mrs. Dameron, the President, to the delegates, saying of her that she "walks in that endless line of splendor" of Methodist women. Mrs. Dameron then delivered the president's message, entitled "Chosen." Before delivering her message, she expressed appreciation for the opportunity of serving the Louisiana Conference as president, giving credit to the District and Conference officers for their help. (See 26th Annual Report for entire message).

Following the President's message, Mrs. George Sexton, former Louisiana Conference and South Central Jurisdiction President, came to the platform. She spoke of watching Mrs. Dameron with interest in the years before she became the Conference President. She presented to her a Sustaining Membership in the Woman's Society, denoting that a thousand dollars in her name had been sent to missions. She said the "S" in the pin, in Mrs. Dameron's case, meant "selfless service." She then led the group in prayer, thanking God for the life of service that Mrs. Dameron had given to the cause of the Church.

At the conclusion of this presentation to Mrs. Dameron, the delegates joined in singing the hymn, "How Great Thou Art," led by Mrs. Socolofsky.

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Trice read recommendations from the Executive Committee to be approved. Those approved were: 1) Confirmation of Miss Mildred Evans as the new Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Louisiana Conference. 2) The continuance in 1966 of a Tour for Mission; 3) The holding of a one-day training session for District officers; 4) Appointment by the Administrative Committee of Mrs. W. E. Trice to fill the vacancy occasioned by the moving of Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr. from the Louisiana Conference; 5) Action of the Administrative

Committee in sending two observers to the Action Imperative: Mission Conference at the expense of the Woman's Division; 6) Approved the recommendations of the Executive Committee with regard to the recommendations of the Committee on Finance:

RECOMMENDATIONS

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Treasurer

1. That the 1966-67 Pledge to Missions be

That the 1966-67 Conference Budget be

\$156,096.00

13,360.00

\$169,456.00
- That the District Pledges to Conference be as follows:
- Alexandria

Baton Rouge

Lafayette

Lake Charles

Monroe

New Orleans

Ruston

Shreveport

\$ 14,349.50

26,314.50

13,596.50

20,136.50

19,985.50

21,904.50

17,377.50

35,791.50

\$169,456.00
2. That the Conference Budget for 1966-67 be as follows:

Office Expense

Annual Meeting

Annual Report

Mid-Year Executive Meeting

Jurisdiction Annual Meeting

Regional School of Christian Mission

Jurisdiction Cultivation

Conference School of Christian Mission

Youth Work

Conference News

Christian Social Relations

Christian Vocations

Cooperative Meetings

Miscellaneous

Tour

Woman's Division Cultivation

Guild

1,300.00

1,600.00

1,400.00

250.00

750.00

900.00

850.00

1,400.00

600.00

630.00

300.00

200.00

300.00

400.00

300.00

80.00

2,100.00

\$ 13,360.00
3. That when persons from the Louisiana Conference are Commissioned as Deaconesses or as missionaries, a gift of \$25.00 be presented to them and a Special Membership be given in their honor.

4. That a Conference-wide, one-day training school for District Officers and Secretaries be held annually, if finances permit, beginning in the 1965-1966 Conference year.

5. That the local Woman's Society of Christian Service include in its budget not less than 15 cents and not more than 25 cents per member for District Cultivation, the exact amount to be determined by the District Committee on Finance.

6. That, because of the distance to the Assembly in 1966, the Conference Woman's Society omit sending a student delegate.

7. That expenses be allowed for the Conference Vice-President to attend the Workshop on Worship at Baltimore, Maryland, in April, 1966.

8. That expenses be allowed for the Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel and Secretary for Campus Ministry to attend a Pilot Study on Christian Vocations, to be held in Ardmore, Oklahoma, November 30 through December 1, 1965.

9. That travel expenses be allowed for the members of the Conference Executive
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Committee who attend the interjurisdictional Day Apart in Baton Rouge, November 3, 1965. Each person attending shall pay for her lunch.

10. a. That, at the request of Miss Mona Kewish of the National Division of the Board of Missions, the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild make a supplementary gift of \$10,000 toward the expense of building and equipping two new cottages at MacDonell Methodist Center.
b. That this amount be paid over a period of time not to exceed seven years, beginning with \$1,200.00 in the Conference year 1966-67.
c. That the local Societies and Guilds be requested to include a supplementary gift for MacDonell Methodist Center in their Budgets for 1966-67. The amount to be determined by each local group, and that they be advised of this request by April 1, 1966.
11. That the matter of bank signatures of the District Treasurers and District Presidents be referred for study to a special committee, to be appointed by the Conference President and to report not later than the Spring Executive Committee Meeting.
12. That \$400.00 from the Recruitment Fund be used to help finance the 1966 Youth Tour for Missions.
13. That every treasurer of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild assume the responsibility of promoting all giving, particularly Memberships, Special Offerings, In Honor Societies, and In Remembrance Gifts.
14. That every Treasurer of the Woman's Society and Guild continue to promote the use of the "Special Mission Banks" and/or "My World Bank."
15. That every Treasurer encourage each member of the Woman's Society and Guild to increase her pledge to missions.

The appointment of committees was read by the Recording Secretary as follows: **Journal**, Mesdames Robert Reich and George Thomas, assisted by Mrs. L. C. Aycock; **Courtesies**, Mesdames S. A. Seegers, L. C. Aycock, and J. B. Kelley; **Resolutions and Petitions**, Mesdames Charles Giessen, Garland Dean, and R. R. Cahal; **Tellers**: Mrs. George Thomas, chairman.

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, in the absence of Mrs. J. H. McSween, read the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws which had been approved by the Executive Committee. See page 36. On motion of Mrs. McGowan the changes were adopted.

Mrs. Trice read the list of tellers as follows: **Alexandria**: Distributing, Mrs. T. C. Young; Counting, Mrs. Paul Davis. **Baton Rouge**: Distributing, Mrs. Wade Stonecipher; Counting, Mrs. J. M. Wilkes. **Lafayette**: Distributing, Mrs. Paul Lasseigne; Counting, Mrs. Charles Cain. **Lake Charles**: Distributing, Mrs. Robert Anderson; Counting, Mrs. Charles Earl. **Monroe**: Distributing, Mrs. Robert Meredith; Counting, Mrs. W. R. Olsen. **New Orleans**: Distributing, Mrs. J. D. Hansard; Counting, Mrs. Edward McDevitt. **Ruston**: Distributing, Mrs. H. D. Burkhalter; Counting, Mrs. George Tigner, Jr. **Shreveport**: Distributing, Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick; Counting, Mrs. Lee Tidwell.

Following an announcement about the tea at the Governor's Mansion, Mrs. Dameron presented the Secretary-elect of the Wesleyan Service Guild, Miss Mildred Evans. Miss Arline Tyler, the retiring Secretary, then gave her report to the Annual Meeting. She recalled various dates in the growth of the Guild in the Louisiana Conference. Each year recounted showed progress in pledge to missions, the number of units, and the scope of the work. In 1953, she said, "chairmen of lines of work were added and the publication of the **Guild Times** was begun." In 1965-66 she said she felt the Guild had received a charge that sends its members to witness for Christ wherever they work. Members of the Guild are going forth to grow in study, service, and giving.

Miss Tyler closed the afternoon session with prayer.

Following the business session, the delegates were guests at the Governor's Mansion, with Mrs. McKeithen, the Governor's wife, and Mrs. J. J. McKeithen, Sr., the governor's mother, acting as hostesses, assisted by women of the host Society. It afforded many of the delegates an opportunity to meet the Governor's family, as well as to visit in the new Mansion.

200th ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF METHODISM DINNER

Mrs. Dameron presided at the dinner in the Jack Tar Capitol House, commemorating the 200th anniversary of the founding of Methodism in America. Special guests for the occasion were the District Superintendents of the Louisiana Conference and their wives and Bishop and Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton. Mrs. Carl Gallaher, on behalf of the Conference, presented the Rev. Mr. G. W. Dameron an Honorary Membership Pin. In the commemorative address Bishop Walton spoke of the stirring history of the Church from its early beginnings, tracing its growth in numbers and spirit across the nation.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

After the organ prelude by Mrs. David Bell, Mrs. Socolofsky led the Conference in the singing of the hymn, "Rise Up O Men of God." The Reverend Mr. W. G. Parker, Associate Minister of Visitation of the host church, chose for the Scripture of the morning, John 10:7-18, then led in prayer.

Mrs. Dameron called attention to the Question Box in the foyer of the church for those who had questions to ask of the Conference Officers. She also asked that the evaluation sheets be filled out before the end of the meeting.

Communications received since the opening of the Annual Meeting were read by the Recording Secretary. These included messages from Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, and Miss Rosie Ann Cobb. Mrs. George Thomas moved that a message of concern be sent to Mrs. Laskey, expressing our good wishes for her husband's early return to good health. **Motion passed.**

The Recording Secretary was asked by the President to read the Standing Rule with regard to those eligible to vote in the Annual Meeting. Mrs. Thomas, chairman of the tellers, and the Recording Secretary counted the voting strength of the meeting, and the number was set at 167. The names of the tellers, both counting and distributing, were read again.

Mrs. Wideman Watson, chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented her report, nominating the officers and secretaries that were to be elected in the Annual Meeting. The following were named for a term of four years: President, Mrs. C. B. McGowan; Secretary for Campus Ministry, Mrs. R. M. Bingham, Secretary of Missionary Personnel, Mrs. John Oldham; Secretary of Program Materials, Mrs. Robert S. Reich; Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, Mrs. John L. Howe; Secretary of Supply Work, Mrs. L. C. Aycock. Nominated for a two year term was Treasurer, Mrs. Carl Gallaher.

Mrs. Dameron called for nominations from the floor but none were received. There being only one nominee for each office, Mrs. George Thomas moved that they be elected by acclamation. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, the newly elected president, was presented to the meeting. She expressed appreciation for the confidence in her expressed by the delegates and asked for their support in the new year.

The Recording Secretary next read Article IV of the By-laws with regard to the election of alternates to the Jurisdiction Society. Following the suggestion of the Parliamentarian, Mrs. Tom Pugh, Mrs. Mouton moved that to facilitate the election of the alternate delegates, the one receiving the highest number of votes be designated as first alternate, the next, second, etc. **Motion passed.** The vote was taken.

Christian Service Times. Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner, business and circulation manager for the new Conference news media, explained the new publication and the means of asking for subscriptions. She instructed all subscribers to send in with their one dollar subscription their name, mailing address, zip code, and the name of the Society to which they belong. Subscriptions will run from September to September, beginning with September, 1966.

The Chairman of the tellers, Mrs. Thomas, reported one more vote cast than allowed by the counting of the voting strength. When it was determined that it had been cast by a bona fide delegate who came in just after the count was taken, the Parliamentarian, Mrs. Pugh allowed that it could be counted.

Mrs. Dameron took opportunity at this time to thank Mrs. Watson and her committee for their untiring work on the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Mark Lower of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation was presented to the Conference. He told of the work of the Foundation and of the efforts that had been made to reach the young people of Louisiana with the scientific facts about drinking beverage alcohol. He mentioned the pioneer work done by the late Dr. Vernon White and more lately work done by Mr. Fred Flurry. Recently he has had opportunity to speak to the young people in the colored schools. At present the Foundation is looking for a young Methodist teacher who can work well with young people. This year the Foundation is working at the legislative level to: 1) obtain a uniform intoxication test; 2) take alcohol beverage sales out of drug and grocery stores; and 3) obtain permission to hold local option elections on horse racing and paramutual wagering.

Report of the Treasurer. Mrs. Callaher, in presenting the work of the treasurer, lifted up before the group a World Bank, saying she was on her way to a Woman's Society meeting and she was going to lift up the need of using such additional giving to supplement the giving on the pledge to missions.

The Louisiana Conference paid to the Woman's Division for missions in 1965-66, \$87,847.99. It could not have been done, she explained, if the local women had not spent time in getting pledges raised.

Mrs. Dameron, by way of comment, said we were probably now patting ourselves on the back, but it was more fun to pat our neighbor on the back, so she asked each one to pat her neighbor seat mate on the back.

Before the "Panel of American Women" was presented to the body, Mrs. C. R. McCammon and Mrs. John Howe were asked to help in repeating questions from the audience to members of the Panel.

Mrs. Dameron introduced the "Panel of American Women" from Little Rock, Arkansas. She explained that the idea for such a group came from discussion that grew up among some housewives in Kansas City nine years ago. She then presented the moderator for the Panel, Mrs. Patrick Murphy, of Little Rock.

Mrs. Murphy introduced the other members of the Panel: Mrs. Cal Ledbetter, Mrs. Rose Cone, Mrs. Louis Snyderman, and Mrs. W. T. Gilmore, and explained that the panel is about people, made up of women of wide differences in race and religion. Each one speaks for herself and not for any organization. They are housewives and mothers, selected because they are typical Americans.

Each panelist told something of her family, and explained the circumstances in which each one had felt prejudiced because of her religion or race, except the Protestant white housewife. She could live in a world feeling no restrictions and the rest of the world at times seemed very far away. She discovered, however, that she had to learn about other people, understand their differing points of view, even though she disagreed.

Many questions were directed to the Panel as to their various concepts on religion and race and whether there had been criticism received because of their participation on such a Panel. Each felt it a worthwhile experience and told of their efforts to get other Panels organized, such as in Jackson, Mississippi, and New Orleans. They felt it helped greatly for women to be able to talk with such a group as theirs.

Following a solo, "Consider and Hear Me," sung by Mrs. Covert Soule, Jr., Dr. William E. Trice, host pastor, gave the noon day meditation, entitled, "The Romance of the W.S.C.S." He dismissed the group with prayer.

LUNCHEON

The luncheon, using as its theme, "Love in Action," with Mrs. J. B. Kelley, presiding, met in the lovely surroundings of the L.S.U. Cotillion Ball Room in the Student Union building. The place mats, especially made for the occasion, indicated that the program would show the work of the Louisiana institutions of the Woman's Division. Mrs. L. G. Thomas, chairman of Board of Directors, Business Girls' Inn, read the report of the Director, Mrs. Maxine Watkins. Mrs. C. R. McCammon, chairman of Board of Macdonell Methodist Center, told of the work there.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

At the beginning of the afternoon session, Dr. Arch Tolbert, minister of the University Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge, and President of the Louisiana Council of Churches, was introduced to the session. He expressed appreciation at being able to visit in this meeting of Methodist women of which Mrs. Dameron is president, having been closely associated with her in the Council of Churches. Mrs. Charles Giessen, Secretary of Missionary Personnel, South Central Jurisdiction, led in prayer.

Mrs. George Thomas, Chairman of the Tellers, brought in a report of the vote taken at the morning business session. Four alternates to the Jurisdiction Society were elected on the first ballot in the following order: 1) Mrs. W. E. Trice; 2) Mrs. John Howe; 3) Mrs. L. C. Aycock; 4) Mrs. Robert Reich.

Two communications were read to the Conference, one from Miss Sheila Nuttall, former deaconess in the Louisiana Conference, and the other from Mrs. James C. Whitaker, former Recording Secretary of the Conference Woman's Society.

The Officer Confrontation was next presented, with Mrs. W. E. Trice presiding. It was in the form of a take-off on a TV quiz show and was entitled, "Everybody Wins." Members of the audience were encouraged to call out numbers that they saw fastened to a board. When the number was removed, there was disclosed a question concerning the work of the Woman's Society which could be directed at any one of the Conference Officers seated as a panel. The questions on the board were largely those which had been placed in the "Question Box" earlier by delegates.

The Pledge Service, conducted by Mrs. Carl Gallaher and assisted by the eight district treasurers, was an inspirational conclusion to the afternoon session. Using the passage from John's Gospel, "You did not choose me, but I chose you," Mrs. Gallaher developed the thought that God has chosen to make known His grace through us. Our choice, she said, is not for privilege, but for service, and our pledges are one way to make our response to God's choice. As each District Treasurer accepted the pledge for her Societies, members of that district rose as a symbol of their acceptance of the pledge. After all districts had pledged, Mrs. Dameron accepted with gratitude the total pledge, explaining the miracle that takes place when the coins of the realm are stamped with the image of Christ instead of that of Caesar. Mrs. Socolofsky concluded the service with the solo, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountain," followed by a prayer by Mrs. Gallaher.

DINNER

The Youth of the Louisiana Conference, and the Baton Rouge District, in particular, gathered in the Student Union Building for dinner and to hear an address by Dr. J. Edward Carothers, Associate Secretary of the National Division of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. Mrs. C. R. McCammon presided.

Other delegates of the Annual Meeting assembled again in the Grand Ballroom of the Capitol House, to be a part of an International Night, featuring the International Neighbors, young wives of students at L.S.U. from abroad, and the Federation of Methodist Women. Mrs. T. Luster James presided at this festive occasion. Decorations, under the direction of Mrs. Roger Swire of the host Society, featured a different part of the world at each of the tables. The Rev. Mr. Warren Blakeman, of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, gave the invocation before the dinner. A number of the wives were presented in song and costume. An unexpected privilege Mrs. James had was in introducing to the assembled guests Dr. Margaret Brand, famed missionary doctor to India and now working with her famous husband at Carville in the government hospital. Mrs. J. B. Mouton spoke following this on the World Federation of Methodist Women which is a fellowship of women from many countries around the world, and of their conference which will meet in London in August, 1966.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

Following the organ prelude by Mr. Tim Pyron, the evening session opened with the singing of the hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee," followed by the reading of the Scripture and a prayer led by the Reverend Mr. Delton Pickering.

Minister to Students at L.S.U. The choir of the host church, under the direction of Mr. Roger Hester, sang as an offertory anthem, "Almighty God of Our Fathers."

Dr. J. Edward Carothers, Associate Secretary of the National Division of the Board of Missions, was introduced by Mrs. Dameron. Dr. Carothers, keeping with the theme of the Annual Meeting, spoke on "He Chose Twelve." Jesus, he said, chose twelve ordinary men, whom Matthew says were to extend the ministry of Jesus for the world. Mark and Luke expressed it as those who were to rid people of unclean and evil powers, as well as physical and mental diseases. The church, therefore, Dr. Carothers pointed out received its charter to minister to the human needs of both the rich and the poor alike. His points, growing from this idea, therefore, are that 1) the Church today is composed of people, too, who have been chosen, 2) to be chosen, however, is not to be privileged, but rather to be responsible people, responsible to all human need; and 3) because we are the people who have agreed to be chosen, we are under compunction to be faithful to the Gospel which we proclaim. If we have failed, it is because we are like Peter, who was a man of good intentions and inadequate skills. But we can be like the Disciples, those ordinary men, whom God took charge of, and multiplied their faltering extensions of His ministry.

The benediction was pronounced by the Reverend Mr. Charles Humphreys, Associate Minister of the host church.

THURSDAY MORNING

Following the organ prelude, played by the organist, Mrs. David Bell, the final session of the 26th Annual Meeting was opened with the singing of the hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have." With the conclusion of the hymn, Mrs. Dameron announced that, since the last Annual Meeting, there had been the death of Mrs. D. W. Poole, former Conference Officer, and of Mrs. D. B. Boddie, who had attended every meeting of the Conference Society for over forty years. In recent months there had also occurred the death of one of the local chairmen for this meeting, Mrs. W. R. Eidson. After a period of silence in memory of them, Mrs. T. M. Ellis concluded with a prayer.

Mrs. Dameron introduced Mrs. George Sexton, former Conference President, who was to replace Mrs. Glenn Laskey in the service of installation of new officers. In her opening remarks, Mrs. Sexton said she was reminded of another beatitude, "Blessed be the substitute," but that she could in no way be an adequate substitute for Mrs. Laskey. In speaking to the newly elected officers, she spoke of the joy that comes in the service of the Woman's Society, she having first assumed responsibility in the Conference 34 years ago this Spring. Quoting the Scripture, "In the fullness of time, God sent His Son into the world," she said that when we wait for God's time, we serve in the fullness of His time. She advised those being installed to: 1) take joy in their service and let their faces show it; 2) take gratitude—gratitude to Him for opening up a place of service; 3) take love—the redemptive, sacrificial love that can accomplish anything. The officers then knelt in prayer at the altar. They were joined then by the other officers and Mrs. Sexton gave a commission to them all, asking the congregation to join in a pledge of support to them.

Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, former Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, spoke words of recognition to these retiring officers: Mesdames T. L. James, T. M. Ellis, John Howe, J. B. Kelley, and C. R. McCammon, saying that this service of recognition did not mean the end of service for them, but simply an end to one phase of their work in the Woman's Society. She then presented Honorary Memberships to Mesdames James, Ellis, Howe, and Kelley, and a Patron Membership to Mrs. McCammon.

Mrs. Robert Reich, chairman of the Journal Committee, reported that the minutes had been examined and found in good order.

Mrs. C. R. McCammon, chairman of the Committee on Tours, said that the tours had been so successful, and that each one was thought by those attending to be the very best. She asked that local churches help make it possible for the youth to go on these tours, even though it is impossible to take all who would like to go. This year's dates will be July 18-30.

Mrs. John Howe announced the dates of the School of Christian Mission at Centenary College as July 18-22, explaining that there would be a united study again this year. This year's study will be entitled, "Affluence and Poverty: Dilemma for Christians." She urged each Society to send more than one representative, if possible. The April issue of *The Christian Service Times* will carry all of the details.

Mrs. S. A. Seegers, Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies, presented the following expression of appreciation which was adopted by a rising vote:

We, the delegates and members of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service express our appreciation to our many friends for their gracious hospitality at the Annual Meeting at Reily Memorial University Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 8-10, 1966. It was truly a meeting of friends; a paraphrase of an old song marked the sentiment of the occasion:

Friends, friends, friends,
Friends with beauty and with brains,
Faces familiar, faces strange,
It matters not the church they attend,
They are all our Woman's Society friends.

Especially are we indebted to our hostess society and to those of the other churches, who anticipated and met our every need. To those who opened their homes to us and to those who so cordially entertained the executive committee we are deeply grateful. For the lovely music, the beautiful flowers and the many courtesies rendered we are most appreciative, and say "Thank you."

Friends carefully and expertly prepared and presented an inspiring and challenging program. The presence of our very special friends, the Bishop and his cabinet with their wives, made the Tuesday evening banquet memorable and we are thankful to the Bishop for his stirring commemorative message. Our horizons were widened by the Panel of American Women; the address of Dr. J. Edward Carothers was most provocative; for these and for the other speakers and features of the meeting we offer our sincere thanks to the Committee on Program.

As we end our Twenty-fifth Anniversary period we are aware of and grateful for the contributions of friends who have been leaders through these years and we feel they were chosen for the days in which they served. To our retiring President we extend our heartfelt thanks for her leadership which has been an inspiration for all; for her dedication that has been an example of true witnessing; and for her love and friendship which have been so warmly felt.

We express our great appreciation to everyone who helped to make our twenty-sixth Annual Meeting a success. With the friendships and services given, the inspiration received, the growth in knowledge acquired, we are better prepared "for the living of these days."

Committee on Courtesies

Mrs. S. A. Seegers

Mrs. L. C. Aycock

Mrs. J. B. Kelley

Mrs. Charles Giessen, Jurisdiction Secretary of Missionary Personnel, urged the women to tell the young people about the Tour for Mission and also of the conference for youth at St. Sequoyah in connection with the Jurisdiction conference on Mission in August.

Mrs. Thomas Hampton, Chairman of Registration for the Annual Meeting, brought in a report of those who had attended, which included two former Conference Presidents, one Jurisdiction officer, 140 delegates, and 353 visitors, totaling 592 persons. 111 Societies sent delegates.

Mrs. Dameron called for an invitation for next year's Annual Meeting. Mrs. W. W. Paxton, President of the First Church Lake Charles Woman's Society, accompanied by Mrs. Ed Hodges and Mrs. Ben Rule, came to the platform and extended an invitation on behalf of their Society, the Chairman of the Official Board, and

Dr. and Mrs. Pomeroy for the 1967 Annual Meeting to convene at the First Methodist Church in Lake Charles. The invitation was accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

Mrs. Dameron reminded the delegates of the evaluation sheets which should be given to one of the pages at the close of the morning session. She also answered an inquiry concerning the supplementary gift to MacDowell, and she explained that a letter would be sent to each local Society.

Mrs. Dameron announced that, at the close of this session, a buffet luncheon would be served in Fellowship Hall, courtesy of the First Methodist Church. She asked members of the Conference Executive Committee to bring their lunch to the Executive Committee Room for a meeting.

Mrs. Ellis brought to the attention of the delegates the Annual Report of the Board of Missions on sale in the Literature Room, saying that it will be studied this summer in the School of Christian Mission.

Mrs. Dameron took a time of personal privilege to express hers and Reverend Dameron's appreciation for the gifts to missions that were given in their name that people around the world might share in the gifts of love.

Mrs. Patrick Murphy, moderator for the Panel of American Women, telephoned from New Orleans to say that the group yet had not been completed in its formation, and, until such time as it was, the Little Rock women would be glad to appear in local groups. Her address in Little Rock is 423 Shamrock Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas.

At this time Mrs. Dameron introduced the moderator for the "Listening Panel," special program of the morning, Dr. Clinton Bradford, Professor of Speech at L. S. U. The panel, composed of Dr. Bradford, Mrs. John Howe, Jr. (Conference Officer), Mrs. W. B. Gardner (Conference Officer), the Reverend Mr. Barry Bailey (Pastor, Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge), Mr. Joseph Kavanaugh (local attorney and active layman of host church), and Dr. Carothers, was to explore through questions points that had been emphasized by Dr. Carothers in his address of the previous evening.

Dr. Bradford said the purpose of the panel was to clarify the responsibility of the Methodist Church as being among those chosen to extend the ministry of Jesus in meeting human needs. The Reverend Mr. Bailey said his question to Dr. Carothers would be what can be done in the local church to do a better job in training people to work in the areas of poverty and race, etc. Mrs. Howe spoke for the workers in various fields under the National Division, inquiring how the workers themselves could inspire communities to take hold to meet needs of the people within that community with obvious problems. Mrs. Gardner, representing the Woman's Society of Christian Service, asked how the various societies could grow in the knowledge of the work of the church as a whole. She asked Dr. Carothers to explain how the Woman's Division as a whole fitted into the program of the National Division. Mr. Kavanaugh expressed the view that the laity of the Church would often have other laymen believe that the Church should not be involved in social and political matters. What, he asked Dr. Carothers, is involved in training people to take leadership in the social issues of the time?

In turning to the questions as posed, Dr. Carothers said to the Reverend Mr. Bailey's question, that what seems to be involved in many local churches is the inability of the laymen to think, to be able to analyze the opportunities in its own community. The local church needs to turn its thoughts outward toward the world.

To Mrs. Howe's question, Dr. Carothers said that the various agencies in rural and urban communities alike need to get the people to tackle a few problems at a time. Having accomplished some, then they can move on to others. It is difficult, however, to get any city to become humanized.

To Mrs. Gardner's query concerning the work of the Woman's Division under the National Division of Missions, Dr. Carothers spoke of the magnitude of work that needs to be done—new work—besides continuation of older projects. In New York City alone, he said, there needs to be work begun by the Church among the 900,000 Spanish speaking people. From coast to coast community centers are being established, many of which are being manned by persons over 60 years of age. Work

is being done in the many homes for children and working girls. The money for their support is spent more carefully than most family budgets, but Methodist giving for these purposes is 48th among the denominations in the United States and is not adequate to do the job well. Even so, the National Division is setting up new work in Urban Service Training, working with young ministers who will be able to stand up under the pressures of the day. This Easter there will be numbers of them who will go to meet the college young people who flock in such numbers to the beaches. And finally, to Mr. Kavanaugh's question, Dr. Carothers said we need to look for people in the Church who are sensitive to the need of bringing together people of a variety of differences. In the past, he said, we have paid no attention to developing a skill for this sort of thing. We have thought that simply believing the doctrine of the warm heart was all that was necessary to meet people's needs. At the present time the National Division is getting about 30 new U.S. '2's a year, when—if we took ourselves seriously, there would be 500 new recruits a year.

Some of the critics of the church, Dr. Carothers said, have said the institution of the Church is not necessary, but this sort of a remark is senseless. While we have, in the critics' terms, been "playing church," we have developed the best people who know how to get things done. We need to develop the technique of the early Church, he concluded—to preach about God, even as they did in Ephesus, and then lay low for a while, and then try again. Perhaps a good question would be, "How good are you in keeping the waters troubled?" Most of us, he concluded, wake up each morning hoping that we have sense enough to stay out of trouble.

Following the singing of "Joyful, Joyful," Mrs. Robert Reich presented the work of the eight Districts, assisted by the District Presidents, with Mrs. Wade Stonecipher and Mrs. Robert Moles as readers. The presentation was entitled, "This Is Your Report." As the various phases of work of the Woman's Society in each District was reported, the presidents of those Districts which had an increase in membership in 1965-66, as an example, placed the figure of a woman onto a styrofoam map of Louisiana. The presidents of those Districts who had met their pledge to missions, placed money on their maps in the area of their respective Districts. Those who had held a District-wide Day Apart, placed a facsimile of a Bible over their District, while those Districts which reported holding a "Day on Campus," placed a college banner on the map. Mrs. Reich's question to the conference was, "Are you satisfied?"

With the conclusion of the program on the Districts, Dr. Trice, assisted by the Reverend Mr. Humphreys, served Holy Communion following which the Women's Vocal Ensemble of the host church sang. Dr. Trice pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. Dameron declared the 26th Annual Meeting adjourned.

Women of the First Methodist Church served a delicious buffet luncheon in the Fellowship Hall to delegates and guests.

Approved: Mrs. Robert Reich
Mrs. George Thomas
Mrs. L. C. Aycock

Mrs. S. W. Dameron, president
Mrs. W. E. Trice, secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CHOSEN

As you have opportunity to study the printed program for this meeting, you will see that the divisions of the program are keynoted with Biblical quotations which are related to the over-all theme, "For He Has Chosen Me—For the Living of These Days." As this meeting progresses, you may, perhaps, begin to stress certain of these words as the theme comes to have more meaning for you. For the purpose of what I have to say, and for the purpose of this meeting, as I understand it, I would like to offer this theme with the following emphasis: "For *He Has Chosen Me—For the Living of These Days.*" This emphasis indicates that the purpose for which we have been chosen is not of our own decision but is of divine initiative. It is not that we are so important, and therefore, have been chosen, but that we derive our importance from the mission for which *He* chose us.

Choosing implies selection. During this meeting you will choose a group of officers who will lead and serve for the next four years. Their selection by you will cause them to bear a very special responsibility to you. Yes, choosing implies selection—the selection of a suitable instrument for a particular purpose. In 1 Peter 2:9, are these words, "But you are a chosen race—God's own people." The Interpreters' Bible suggests that this passage refers to those persons who have made God central in their lives and are willing to use their gifts in the service of mankind—those persons who, because of their commitment, are chosen to "reveal and fulfill" the purpose of God for the whole human race. Within the context of this thought, we find the characteristic of the "suitable instrument," which is commitment, and the "particular purpose," which is responsible Christian witness and service. It is my hope that each of us—you and I—will be challenged by this meeting, to test *our* suitability as chosen instruments for God's mission in these days.

CHOSEN—FOR THE NOW

In a prose poem by Edna M. Kurtz are these words:

"The time is today!
The time is this hour!
The time is now!
And Now the Time is different!"

In a similar vein, Miss Jane Stentz, wrote:

"... given to us is the Now
this moment,
this particular place in history
to live as forgiven people
in grateful obedience
turning ourselves outward
to all around us,
responding and responsible
wherever we are
one people of God
engaged in one mission
to the ends of
the earth . . .
Given to us is the Now!"

This is the age to which we belong. It is therefore necessary that we try to understand what is happening to it and to us.

There are many ways to describe this Now in which we live. Surely it is a time of revolutions—political, scientific, social, international, and theological—and the factors which affect one revolution affect all of them. It is a time when an unmanned rocket is blasted into orbit without drawing us from our daily routine. Yet this same scientific and technological skill makes it possible for two astronauts to spend 14 days and 5½ million miles in space travel and to make a soft landing on the moon. It is a time when, in the face of advanced scientific knowledge, 700 million

adults of 15 years or over are illiterate, and, in present circumstances, about 25 to 30 million new illiterates will be added yearly to the adult population in the next 6 to 7 years. It is a time when one in three persons in the world lives under communist rule. It is a time when demonstrations are a common pattern for expressing approval or disapproval of situations or events. It is time, when in "Christian" North America only one person out of five has a Bible; and one-half of all Christian homes in the world have *no* Bible. It is a time when a secular, urban culture dominates our society, and when 73,000,000 people in the United States have no relationship to any Christian group. It is a time when we—the Christian Church in all its denominational expressions—are called to "renewal," but what is meant by "renewal" has widely different interpretations. It is a time when some state that we are living in a post-Christian era, and a few even advocate a so-called bold new theology which proclaims that "God is dead!" It is a time, however, when Christians are being drawn together in dialogue and understanding by the spirit of ecumenism, which is sweeping across our churches.

These are days not like any others. We cannot go back to less confusing times. We are dated, and the date is Now. As far as we are concerned, there is no other time for us to make a difference in the world. "Given to us is the Now!"

The statements which I have made about this time, which is *our* time, are, in no sense, meant to be an exhaustive description. They are really only a few ideas and facts, selected from the many which could be used, to stress our need to know the movements and changes which not only help to make our world what it is, but also challenge us with unprecedented opportunities to witness and serve as Christians.

This Now in which we live is both near and far, and we must have eyes which can see both the distant and the near-at-hand. We cannot divorce our homes nor our local communities from the factors which affect the whole world—for we are a part of the whole. It is possible to read about, and even to acquire facts about, the "world scene," and still not be aware of how greatly our own lives and communities are affected by them.

No talk is quite complete these days without some reference to the nuggets of truth to be found in *Peanuts* or *Dennis the Menace*. Some time ago I read a *Dennis the Menace* cartoon which spoke of the difficulty of identifying ourselves with world wide issues. The cartoon showed Dennis' mother preparing breakfast while his father read the morning paper. Dennis, standing by the breakfast table, looking at his father, observed, "He knows what's going on all over the world, but he don't know his paper's in his coffee." Yes, we are often unaware that the same conditions which exist in the world-at-large also exist at home, and that the news from around the world may, indeed, be dipping in our morning coffee!

The question for you and me, as Christian women, is "How can we interpret this Now?" "How can we find Christian meaning in it?" Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, one of Methodism's outstanding preachers, speaking to this point, expressed the belief that we see what we are prepared to see—what is in our hearts to see. He illustrated his thought by quoting the nursery rhyme:

"Pussy cat, pussy cat, where have you been?
I've been to London to see the queen.
Pussy cat, pussy cat, what did you there?
I frightened a little mouse under the chair."

Of course, said Dr. Hamilton, one expects a pussy cat to see a mouse even though the *queen* was the object of the visit! Cats are prepared to see mice! What are Christian women prepared to see? A few months ago, I was privileged to hear Dr. Robert Terwilliger, an outstanding Episcopal preacher, deliver a series of lectures. The opening words of his first lecture were these: "God is disturbing our Church again!" We might well ask ourselves if we are able to see the hand of God at work in our Church and in this Now. I believe that Christian insight is stronger than human eyesight and that our Christian heritage prepares us to see God at work even in the unlikely events of our day. I believe that this Now calls us to a special kind of mission, in which all of us are involved.

I believe that God, through the Church and the Woman's Society of Christian Service, has prepared us "for the living of these days," as understanding and committed Christians. This year brings to a climax the two and one-half year observation of the 25th anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan

Service Guild. Calendars are interesting and important instruments. Not only do they keep us reminded of dates and responsibilities, but in a sense, the turning of the calendar from one year to the next, marks the end of one era and the beginning of another. As the calendar turned from the first 25 year period of our life as a Woman's Society and ushered in a new quarter century, we found that we had learned much about our past that has prepared us for the present and that will give us courage for the future. We have learned that changes which made five organizations into one did not dim the missionary purpose which the five had held in common. We learned that women whose world was torn asunder by World War II, were undergirded by a faith that dared to venture, even in such an unpropitious time, into new undertakings and to chart new courses for untried ways. We learned that Methodist women, properly motivated, will give of their material substance, so that in 25 years, \$209,000,000 had been contributed for missionary work at home and overseas, for Christian social relations, for leadership training, for spiritual development, and for other Christian causes. We learned that "more than 85% of all giving has gone to support missionary work" as the first and principal concern of Methodist women (Quotes from *Mission Memo*, October, 1965). We learned that more than 700 women have become missionaries or deaconesses in this 25 year period, and a larger number of young women have become short-term missionaries. We have learned that informed women are concerned women; that the spiritual life, to be merged into all of life, must be compounded of growth, vitality, and Christian discipline. We learned that those women who first had the vision of the needs of the world and organized missionary societies to help meet those needs, and their successors through the years, were dominated by a sense of mission and purpose, strength of conviction, commitment to Christian witness and service, and the love of God.

All of this we have learned. But lest we come to the climax of this anniversary period with that "let down" feeling that often follows an experience of unusual stimulation, let us be aware of the truth of these words, whose source I do not know: "that which thy fathers have bequeathed to thee, earn it anew if thou wouldst pursue it." Progress has been made in membership, in giving, and in recruitment; and, I believe, in those less measurable goals of spiritual growth and understanding, increased knowledge of needs in the world, and growing witness and service through the outreach of the church. But progress is not attainment, and goals, yet unattained, forbid us to rest from our labors. We must continue to earn that which has been bequeathed to us.

CHOSEN—FOR COURAGEOUS WITNESS AND SERVICE

There has never been a time when the world did not demand courage of its citizens. Dr. Robert W. Spike tells of one of his best-remembered teachers who, by way of taking leave of a companion, always said the one word, "Courage." It was as though he were saying, "We're all human and all weak, but that is really no excuse!" We often say of a person, "He has the courage of his convictions"; and that is exactly what courage means—to have deeply felt beliefs that produce energy for doing the difficult thing. The person of courage has a goal that means more than his personal ease or convenience. Indeed, he has set for himself a course of action which he knows may require a day-to-day strength of spirit.

It takes courage for a man like Joyce C. Hall, of Hallmark Cards, to decide that his company will sponsor no program on television which will embarrass either the company or the viewing family. In his book, *Profiles in Courage*, the late President Kennedy described the courageous decisions which some men of politics made—decisions which were based on principle rather than political expediency.

The history of the Christian Church is replete with the courageous actions and decisions of persons—men and women—who were, and are, followers of the Christ. Martyrdom is still a part of the Christian witness, especially if you happen to have been a missionary in the last few years in the Congo, like Burleigh Law; or if you happen to have been a native Congolese and a member of the Christian Community.

It takes courage to believe in, and support, missions when we are told that we no longer ride the tide of success on the mission field—at least not the kind of success which was a part of the 19th century missionary enterprise. For instance, in North Korea, the only Christian Church is an underground church, and in Shanghai, China, where there were formerly 217 churches, there are now only 9.

Yet, while successes on the mission field do not come as a swelling tide, they do come. Dr. Harry Haines, former Director of the Advance for the Board of Missions, tells how the Christians of Taiwan looked forward to the Church's centenary celebration in 1965. They had set a goal of 500 new churches in 10 years leading to the celebration. This was an ambitious goal in view of the fact that only 490 churches had been built in the previous 90 years. Nevertheless, on July 22, 1965, the 1000th Church in Taiwan was opened—the goal of 500 new churches in 10 years had been reached!

Last year at the Louisiana Annual Conference, Mr. Joe Davis, Missionary to the Congo, told us that over 50% of the people in the Congo belong to the Christian community.

In Algeria, a Muslim state, authorization has been given, for the first time, to the Methodist Church to carry on medical work in that country. All of these are evidence of success, though it takes courage to re-interpret the meaning of "success."

It takes courage for a mission board to conceive and try new mission strategies. One such strategy was the short-term missionary program, which was begun in 1948, for Overseas-3's, and in 1951, for U.S.-2's. Since those dates, 402 persons have served as U.S.-2's and 935 as Overseas-3's. Despite the success of this venture, the need for missionaries at home and overseas—short term and regular—has never been met. We must continue to recruit, even within our own families. It *does* take courage to encourage one's daughter or son or granddaughter or grandson to join the missionary ranks of the Church.

Today, the Methodist Board of Missions is courageously undertaking new programs and engaging in new strategies to meet the challenge of "the mission to six continents."

We are not only called to support missions—though the need for our prayers, our concern, and our money is great—we are also chosen to be *involved* in mission. What does this mean? I am sure there is no simple answer. But, to me, it means that, as Christians—men and women, Christian lay people—we must develop a constructive relationship between our witness to God and our service to man as the expression of our personal encounter with God. Dag Hammarskjöld said it in these words: "In our era, the road to holiness necessarily passes through the world of action." I think this is the goal set forth for us in the Purpose of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild; namely: that we grow in knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and that we respond to God's redemptive purpose in the world.

To live by this purpose as individuals and to see it become a vital part of every program and every activity of the Woman's Society and Guild takes courage—courage to dare to strive for a goal so idealistic and demanding—courage to try new ways for new days.

It is said that in the early days of the space age, the scientists rediscovered an ancient law of human behavior, which they called "Murphy's Law." Murphy's Law says "If anything can go wrong, it will." All of us have had experiences which make us feel that this law is still operative. However, there is a corollary to Murphy's Law which states that troubles which can't be eliminated can be kept to a minimum, and they can be overcome. The Romans had a motto for this long before Murphy's Law. They said, "To the stars through difficulty." Our purpose may be idealistic and difficult to achieve, but let us remember that the stars await those who dare to try the difficult.

If we are to give courageous witness and service in this troubled Now, I believe we must divest ourselves of the sin of satisfaction with the mediocre. A few months ago, Dr. Orlin Corey, of Centenary College, speaking at the Pineville Methodist Church, said, "The tragedy (of our day) is not the size of our problems, but the puniness of our purpose." Our own Bishop Walton used the idea of the "need for excellence" in the address which he gave to the district conference last fall.

All of us who are parents have had the experience of calling to our children, when they become unusually quiet, "What are you doing?" we would ask. And the reply would come, "Oh, nothing much." Then we knew it was time to investigate. I have a feeling that if God, "hearing" our quietness, would call to us, "What are you doing?" some of us would have to reply "Oh, nothing much," for there are

times when some of us are dim of vision and are occupied with small and inconsequential activities.

Dr. Charles Crowe tells the story of a man who once found a shiny dime in the road. He determined from that moment to keep looking for things. Through the next 40 years, he kept his eyes on the road as he walked, and at the end of that time he had picked up "34,947 buttons, 54,712 pins, 11 pennies, a bent back and a bad disposition." What might he not have gained for himself and others had he not been satisfied with buttons and pins and had he not lost the glory of the sun, the beauty of nature, the smile of friends, and the joy of service to others?

I believe that there is but one level at which Christians can function and maintain their Christian integrity—and that is the level of the highest capacity of which they are capable. How many times have you seen a program in the Woman's Society fall on deaf ears and disinterested minds because someone was satisfied to make a mediocre presentation? The American Bible Society reports that "The greatest barrier to the world-wide distribution of the Scriptures is the inadequate use vast numbers of Christians make of them." Does this statement not form an "uncomfortable shoe" for some of us in the Society and Guild to wear?

Dr. Kermit Long, General Secretary of the General Board of Evangelism, stated that, last year it took 85 Methodist Church members to win one new member on profession of faith, exclusive of those who came in through the Church School. Does this say anything to some of us in the Woman's Society and Guild about our witness in terms of the values of membership both in the Church and in the Society?

Rufus M. Jones, the Quaker mystic, tells of a dedicated man who established a Sunday School off the Coast of Maine. The children whom he gathered together belonged to a few families who made their livelihood from the sea. On the first day the children gathered, their teacher, seeking to relate spiritual truth to the environment with which the children were familiar, asked, "How many of you have ever seen the Atlantic Ocean?" Not a hand was raised. The man was dumbfounded. Children who had eaten fish from the ocean, bathed in its surf, boated on its waters, had never been told its name. They had never discovered the Atlantic Ocean! Dr. Jones pointed out that in a similar way many Christians are unaware of the world of the spirit that surrounds them though they have been reared in the Church. They have never had a real encounter with God and their spiritual lives have settled into a sterile and mediocre rut. Does this story say anything to some of us about the mediocrity of our spiritual growth and our lack of awareness that the spiritual life must be a part of all of life or it will belong to none of it?

Are we satisfied with a 1% increase in membership when we are challenged by a goal of 25% increase? Are some of our members satisfied to pledge the same amount to missions they pledged 25 years ago when the Woman's Society first came into being?

These are some of the questions we must ask ourselves. Honest answers will require courageous self-appraisal, as individuals and as a Society.

It takes courage to accept the truth that time does "make ancient good uncouth." Much that was good and proper a generation ago is no longer acceptable, whether it be in style of dress, modes of transportation, attitudes toward social issues and relationships, or missionary strategies. It takes courage to move with "ideas that have come to their time," even though their worth has not been fully recognized. One such idea is the ecumenical movement. This is one of the great new facts of our day, which has been brought forcibly to the public mind by the recent sessions of the Vatican Council. Too few of us have been aware of the ecumenical aspect of the missionary endeavor which has been developing over a period of years and is finding increasingly wider expression. The Ecumenical Movement, loosely described, has at least three manifestations: (1) organizational, such as the World Council of Churches, which provides a channel through which the member communions may express their common concerns and make a united witness; (2) internationalization, as in the case of the missionary force; (3) interfaith cooperation, in which two or more denominations join together in a particular endeavor.

The World Council of Churches grew out of the missionary outreach of the churches. Today, among its many areas of work, it sponsors the Joint Action for Mission and the Joint Action for Service, through which backing and support are given by several churches to a single church which is strategically located for a particular mission or service.

The internationalization of the missionary force is a development of the ecumenical spirit. Over 200 Asian missionaries, supported entirely by their churches, are serving in the world today. A Methodist missionary couple have recently gone to Hong Kong to direct the planning of a \$6,000,000 United Christian Hospital, an ecumenical project involving a number of denominations. A Korean Methodist couple have recently joined an international missionary force in Bolivia.

More familiar to us are the National Council of Churches and the American Bible Society, to which, as a Methodist Church, we give our cooperation and support. Here in Louisiana, the employment of an Executive Secretary for the State Council of Churches, now in its second year of life, foretells a future of greater opportunity for a united Christian witness in our state. In addition, a program of interfaith cooperation is represented by the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, about which you will hear more later. For Methodist women a still more familiar and practical way of expressing our interest in the ecumenical movement is our support, by participation and finances, of United Church Women, which seeks to transcend difference and division by emphasizing the beliefs we hold in common.

If we are chosen, as Christian Methodists and as Christian women, to move into a new day, we cannot lean on our past achievements nor be satisfied with that which is mediocre or static. The accomplishments of the past give us inspiration; the needs of the present challenge us. We are, therefore, I believe—

CHOSEN—TO GO FORWARD

The word "go" is an active verb, denoting movement. It is used 1,460 times in the Bible, which seems to indicate that the people of God were not supposed to stand still. God gave the direction in which we are to go when He said to Moses, "Tell the people of Israel to go forward." The forward direction is traditional with the missionary movement. St. Paul, missionary to the Gentiles, said, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:14); and David Livingstone, a missionary to Africa, said, "I will go anywhere provided it will be forward." Gladstone, the great English statesman, expressed the idea in these words: "The task of a statesman is to find out which way God is going to move in the next 50 years, and he had better move with Him."

In about two and one-half months, a new conference president and her corps of officers, some newly elected and others already serving, will assume the responsibility and the privilege of guiding the destiny of this Conference Society. I have no doubt that the direction will be forward. These officers will guide, but only you—the 8 District Societies and Guilds and the 320 local Societies and the 101 local Guild Units—only YOU, in response to God's guidance and the leadership of those you have chosen to be your officers, can determine the destiny. But I am confident that we will not stand with our faces to the past and our backs to the future, for He has chosen us—for the living of these days. The sun, rising in the East, has often been used as a symbol of promise and opportunity. A few months ago, I saw a television documentary called "The Constitution." The film depicted the meeting of the Constitutional Convention of 1787. The men who met to draft the constitution struggled to put into words the truths which they believe would provide the foundation for a great nation. Throughout the meeting, Benjamin Franklin sat where he could see the back of George Washington's chair, which bore a painting of the sun. When the time came for Franklin to affix his signature to the document, he said to his fellow statesmen, "As I have sat in this convention, I have been unable to determine whether the sun on the back of Mr. Washington's chair was rising or setting. But now, I have the happiness to know that this is a rising sun!"

We too have the happiness and the faith to know that we have but to open our doors eastward and walk, with courage, into the rising sun.

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES

VICE PRESIDENT

There has been some excellent work done and growth recorded in the area of programming in the Woman's Society during the past year.

The vice presidents with their Committees on Program at all levels have planned and presented some very fine programs from which action in old and new ways have resulted. The programs from the Program Book, "Living in Such an Age," were used in many cases for the general meetings. The women showed ingenuity and creativity in planning programs for the circle meetings, which incidentally were not published in the book as was usually done. However, some societies had difficulty in providing adequate material for the programs for the circle meetings. You will be glad to note that 22 programs are included in the new book, "Dialogue and Design" and two extra packets, "How to Choose Children's Books" and "Helping College Students Discover Truth" as well as the Elective Theme, "Races and Reconciliation," will give an ample supply of material for the year.

Good Fall workshops were held in all eight districts and reports of co-operation and participation by entire church congregations in the local churches were reported. This will be the continued emphasis for 1966-67 and we are recommending that the Woman's Society not assume the role of leadership in the studies but assist the Commissions on Mission and Education in their respective districts and local churches.

To those alert to the possibilities of securing persons with special training, I would suggest the delegates and representatives in your district to the Seventh Assembly, the Convocation on Worship and the Bicentennial of Methodism in the United States as special speakers. Several ministers from Louisiana were in attendance at some of these meetings and have a great experience to share. Youth delegates to the Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah and the Mission Tour can give you a lift and a refreshing insight into some of the experiences our young people are encountering and are eager to share them with you.

With these suggestions and reports and others you can readily discover for yourselves, and with the help of the new program book, "Dialogue and Design," we should be able to go forward to a new day with greater love, concern and resources to enlist and challenge the unenlisted Methodist women for the Woman's Society of Christian Service whose purpose is to assist women to grow in knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ.

Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr.,
Vice President, Louisiana Conference
Woman's Society of Christian Service

TREASURER

Mrs. Carl Gallaher

Woman's Society of Christian Service, Louisiana Conference

Financial Statement

May 20, 1965 thru May 20, 1966

Explanation	Total	Amount
Cash Balance May 20, 1965:		
First Federal Savings and Loan Assn. Alexandria, La.—Supply Account	1,407.49	
Rapides Building and Loan Assn.— Alexandria, La.	3,000.00	
Whitney National Bank, New Orleans— Checking Account	8,104.64	12,512.13

Receipts:

Districts:	Pledged	Paid
Alexandria	14,307.00	13,890.54
Baton Rouge	26,272.00	22,229.31
Lafayette	13,554.00	12,119.99
Lake Charles	20,094.00	18,413.82
Monroe	19,943.00	18,384.04
New Orleans	21,862.00	21,119.77
Ruston	17,335.00	15,567.95
Shreveport	35,749.00	31,679.49
Totals	169,116.00	153,404.91

Conference—W.S.C.S.:

Offering—School of Christian Mission	200.00
In Honor Gifts (Margaret W. Campbell)	100.00

Conference Guild:

Corsage for Missions	122.00
Offering Guild Week End	129.10
Offering Annual Meeting	179.00
In Honor Gift (Mrs. C. Matthews)	25.00
	755.10

Permanent Fund Interest (Perpetual
Membership Haynesville Methodist Church)

4.50

Total Paid on Conference Pledges

154,164.51

Children's Fund

60.86

Other:

Supply Work	20,370.26
Call to Prayer	7,734.10
Supplementary	1,960.36
	30,064.72

Receipts:

Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation	1,644.56		
Transient Funds	1,569.95	3,214.51	33,340.09

Totals Forward

200,016.73

Explanation

Details

Total

Amount

Brought Forward

200,016.73

Returns to Cultivation:**Refunds:**

Primers	13.10
Conference—Annual Meeting	83.14
District Officer Training	15.87
Annual Reports Sold	29.08
Binders for Annual Reports	13.00
Histories Sold	2.00
Christian Social Relations	102.55
Regional School of Christian Missions	153.12
Conference School of Christian Mission	411.93
Officer Expense	25.00
Literature Sold	97.63
Dividends Rapides Bldg. and Loan Assn.	135.00
District Assembly Delegates	54.25
Mrs. M. Overbey's Account	164.83
Bank Exchange Charge	34.40
Guild Annual Meeting	13.16
Guild, Weekend Registration	341.43

Guild, Literature Sold	41.46		
Service Center	15.00		
Annual Meeting, Guild	338.59	2,084.54	
Dividends, First Federal Savings and Loan Assn.		64.03	2,148.57
Total to be accounted for			202,165.30
Disbursements:			
Woman's Division W.S.C.S.:			
Pledge	96,408.91		
Memberships	11,428.50		
In Remembrance Gifts	1,748.34		
My World Bank	1,838.96		
Special Mission Bank	2,413.63		
Result of Study	815.05		
Special Offerings	443.72		
In Honor Gifts	717.95		
Honoring District Retiring Officers	30.00		
Honoring Conference Retiring Officers	1,768.21		
Sustaining Membership (Mrs. G. W. Dameron)	1,367.50		
Scarritt College	100.00	119,080.77	
Conference:			
Offering School of Christian Mission	200.00		
In Honor Gift (Margaret W. Campbell)	100.00		
4-Special Membership	100.00		
Honorary Membership (Mrs. M. Overbey)	100.00		
In Remembrance Gifts	10.00	510.00	
Total Forward		119,590.77	202,165.30
Brought Forward		119,590.77	202,165.30
Disbursements—Continued:			
Wesleyan Service Guild:			
Pledge	16,551.14		
Memberships	2,025.00		
In Remembrance Gifts	225.88		
My World Bank	415.01		
Special Mission Bank	416.92		
Result of Study	228.54		
Special Offering	44.15		
In Honor Gifts	623.75		
Honoring Retiring Officers	673.75		
Scarritt College	100.00	21,304.14	
Conference:			
Offering Guild Weekend	129.10		
Special Membership (Mr. Matheny)	25.00		
In Honor Gift (Mrs. C. Matthews)	25.00		
Offering—Annual Meeting	179.00		
Corsage for Missions	122.00	480.10	
Total		141,375.01	
Permanent Fund Interest		4.50	
Total Paid on Pledge to Missions		141,379.51	
Children's Fund		60.86	
Total Paid on Appropriations		141,440.37	

Supply Work:

W.S.C.S.	17,920.85	
Guild	2,449.41	20,370.26
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Call to Prayer:		
W.S.C.S.	6,054.61	
Guild	1,679.49	7,734.10

Supplementary:

W.S.C.S.—Crusade Scholarships		92.80
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Assembly Offering:

W.S.C.S.	1,590.45	
Guild	277.11	1,867.56
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Total Paid to Woman's Division		171,505.09	
Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation	1,644.56		
Transient Fund	1,569.95	3,214.51	174,719.60
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Total			
			27,445.70

Conference Cultivation Fund:

	Budgeted	Disbursed
Officers Expense	1,400.00	1,137.36
Annual Meeting	1,500.00	1,853.35
Annual Report	1,400.00	1,391.36
Mid-Year Executive Meeting	250.00	204.54
Jurisdiction: Annual Meeting	750.00	750.00
Conference: School of Christian Mission	1,300.00	1,832.99
Regional School of Christian Mission	650.00	903.56
Christian Social Relations	300.00	300.00
Christian Vocation	200.00	
Conference Youth Director	600.00	600.00
Cooperative Meetings	450.00	66.47
Jurisdiction Cultivation	850.00	806.94
Division Cultivation	80.00	67.24
Miscellaneous	565.00	180.09
Conference News	625.00	458.69
Tour	300.00	300.00
Wesleyan Service Guild	1,800.00	1,960.64
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	13,020.00	12,813.23

Totals Forward

12,813.23	27,445.70
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Explanation

Details	Total	Amount
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Brought Forward

12,813.23	27,445.70
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Other:

Spiritual Life Study	41.31		
Audio Visual Seminar, Mt. Sequoyah	60.00		
Methodist Urban Convocation, Chicago	12.50		
Self-Appraisal Study	128.25		
Church and Community Worker	255.00		
Bonding District Treasurer, Conference	45.63		
Jurisdiction Executive Council Meeting	53.03		
Delegates to Assembly	77.50		
Inter-Jurisdiction Day-apart	49.85		
District Officer Training	398.90		
Convocation on Worship	226.87		
1966-1967 School of Missions	75.27		
Bank Exchange Charge	34.40		
Tour	350.00		
Guild Assembly	375.00	2,183.51	14,996.74
Balance in Savings and Checking Account			12,448.96

Distributed as Follows:

First Federal Savings and Loan Assn.	
Alexandria—Special Account	1,471.52
Rapides Building and Loan Assn.	
Alexandria	3,000.00
Whitney National Bank in New Orleans	
Checking Account	7,977.44
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	12,448.96

ACCOUNTANT'S OPINION

I have examined the Statement of Cash and Fund Balances and the Summary of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the Louisiana Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the period from May 20, 1965 through May 20, 1966. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the cash and fund balances as of May 20, 1966 and the cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended.

My examination also comprehended the supplemental schedules of Receipts from Districts, Conference Cultivation Fund, and Payments on Pledge to Woman's Division of Christian Service for the same period, and, in my opinion, such supplemental schedules, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements, present fairly in all material respects the information shown therein.

J. LOUIS FORD

Certified Public Accountant

June 10, 1966

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. W. E. Trice

The routine work of the Recording Secretary has been carried out during the year, including issuing the call letter for both the Mid-Year and Spring Executive Committee meetings, as well as the call letter to the local Societies for the Annual Meeting. Records of these have been kept, as well as other action taken by the Administrative Committee. The District Officers' Training Day in April gave an opportunity to discuss with the District Secretaries various means by which good records and accurate mailing lists could be maintained.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Mrs. John L. Howe, Secretary

1965-66 has been a year of opportunity for training in the area of Secretary for Campus Ministry. At the 1965 School of Christian Mission, the Reverend Robert S. Barefield led a special interest group on "The University World" with sixteen ladies participating in excellent discussion. Two districts had full "Day on Campus" programs; three others had a fellowship period at the campus with opportunity given for questions, discussion and growth in understanding the campus ministry. There was increased interest in the use of deputation teams of students in two districts. A marked growth in concern for and involvement of International Students was apparent in evaluation reports. District officers were faithful in attending and in creating officer responsibility training opportunities.

Nevertheless, there was continuing decrease in the number of evaluation reports received by district secretaries, and, apparently, in the actual number of societies with secretaries for campus ministry. Where there has been an active program, there is a warm awareness of the fact that involvement in the campus ministry brings enrichment to local church and college campus alike. It is a mutual ministry.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE SECRETARY OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Your Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations has had a most interesting year. The trip to Washington, D.C. in February for the Churchmen's Seminar was a most informative meeting. The theme of the meeting "Your Government and You," is one I would like to offer as a challenge to you.

If ever there was a time when we as Christian Women and citizens should be interested in, informed about and concerned for our government and our Country, the time is now. So may I challenge each of you to really become involved in this world in which we are privileged to live.

As you study and become informed then take action. Let your actions come from a conviction of your belief and always let your words, actions and deeds be motivated by a Christian love.

The department of Christian Social Relations offers many emphases to each of us, therefore, I am sure that each one of you has been doing interesting and important work in the area of Christian Social Relations. May I say in closing, "Keep up the good work in Christian Social Relations."

Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner
Conference Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

RECEIPTS

From Conference Treasurer	\$ 300.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$300.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Churchmen's Seminar, Washington, D.C.	
Transportation, meals and hotel	\$ 180.98
Seminar on Poverty, New Orleans, La.	
Transportation, hotel, meals and registration	\$ 38.44
Louisiana Organizations for State Legislation	
Dues	\$ 25.00
Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, Inc.	
Dues	\$ 10.00
Office Expense:	
Postage	\$ 6.00
Supplies, envelopes, carbon, paper, etc.....	\$ 2.50
Postage, Follow-up Letters on Workshop	\$ 5.56
Promotional materials, literature, etc.	\$ 10.20
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 278.68
	\$278.68

On hand May 10, 1966	\$ 21.32
Check to Conference Treasurer	\$ 21.32
Balance on Hand June 1, 19660000.00

SECRETARY OF MEMBERSHIP CULTIVATION

Mrs. Max L. Clayton, Conference Secretary of Membership Cultivation

This has been a year of much adjusting, counting and planning. We have been adjusting to a new name and new duties, counting for our own information and for Assembly, and planning ahead. We found that through inaccuracies of records, population shifting and other reasons, we had actually lost members instead of the 25% increase we had hoped for. We are suggesting that in each society, the president, secre-

tary of membership cultivation as well as the recording secretary, keep an accurate list of members. We realize that keeping the roll is but the beginning, for the committee on membership will need to keep in touch with active, inactive and potential members if we are to fulfill our purpose. Although they are not numbered, some interest groups have been formed in the Conference and are engaged in Christ-like service. Although few of us have worked to capacity, we are grateful to have had a part in the work that helps women grow in Christian experience and are challenged to work harder that all women can have this opportunity to grow in understanding and spiritual power, through the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

Mrs. Garland Dean, Secretary

This has been a year of innovations. Instead of separate studies for home missions, foreign missions and Christian social relations there was a unified study, MISSION: THE CHRISTIAN'S CALLING, undergirded by the Bible study, ACTS: THEN AND NOW. The total number of study classes in which the Woman's Society participated was 421, total attendance of adults, 16,054; classes maintaining minimum goals, 240; attendance, 5,256.

There has been an increased emphasis on joint mission study for men and women and church-wide Schools of Mission. In order to prepare local church leaders to make the best use of mission study material, guidance for new committees on mission study are being proposed on the conference, district and local levels; and more emphasis is being placed on cooperative training of both men and women from the "grass roots" up.

The conference office of missionary service was added to that of missionary education. To help the local societies know the workers, active and retired, to whom we are now especially related as a Conference Society, a Directory for 1965-66 was prepared, also a Birthday Calendar. These lists were mailed to local secretaries of missionary education and service, assignments of names being made to each society for "keeping in touch." Names of workers have also been divided among the district secretaries of missionary education and service, the district secretaries of supply and district treasurers sharing responsibility for maintaining contact with workers in Louisiana projects of the National Division. Your conference secretary considers it a privilege to have as her special concern all of these workers.

We have lost by death two retired missionaries who resided in Louisiana, Miss Clara Chalmers and the Rev. Clyde Stuntz.

New short-term workers who have gone from our conference are Miss Carol Wood, a U. S. "3" serving in Korea, and Miss Carole Cotton and Miss Betty Lou Vickers, U. S.-2's.

Eleven overseas missionary couples were added to our list by assignment: Mr. and Mrs. Patterson Benner, Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Cady, Mr. and Mrs. John Holmes, Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Ray Hoyt, Rev. and Mrs. David Lowry, Mr. and Mrs. Larry G. Pleimann, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Small, Rev. and Mrs. James W. Spitzkeit, Rev. and Mrs. Carlos A. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams, and Rev. and Mrs. Ben Youngblood.

Miss Louise Sharp is the new Director of St. Mark's Community Center, succeeding Miss Fae L. Daves, a deaconess who retired, seventeen of her fruitful years of service being at this center. The Rev. Nathaniel Perry is the new Superintendent of People's Methodist Center, replacing the Rev. Richard Calvin, who is now serving a church. We also welcome several new contract and employed workers and three new U. S.-2's from other conferences: Miss Linda Louise Jackson and Miss Judy Ann Sherck at Sager-Brown School, and Miss Marjorie Landshof at MacDowell Methodist center. Miss Judith Ann Doyle, a teacher at Sager-Brown School, was commissioned a deaconess this year.

SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mrs. T. Luster James, Secretary

As I make my last report to the members of the Woman's Society Conference I am experiencing a bit of nostalgia, for I realize I will not be in close contact and communication with so many friends who have meant so very much to me these past years. And too, I feel we should have accomplished more in the area of Spiritual Life Cultivation. When I say Area of Spiritual Life—I do not mean to imply that it is something isolated or separated from the total life of the society, it must be involved in every aspect of it.

This involvement can be accomplished by the Secretary of Spiritual Life becoming an active, participating member of the Committee on Program, the Executive Committee, the Committee on Membership and the church Commission on Membership and Evangelism. This is a goal we are still working toward, and I hope the Secretaries of Spiritual Life will realize the importance of her devoted service in each of these areas.

I was particularly pleased with the response we had in the Self-Study this past year. Many local societies as well as district societies reported gratifying results from their Self-Study. For those who did not have one, it is not too late and I feel sure you will be greatly rewarded for the time involved, both in planning and participation.

There is evidence of much more interest in Prayer Groups, Days Apart, Retreats, and Schools of Prayer. It is very important that careful study and preparation be made in planning for these events. I hope every district will have at least one district-wide Day Apart this year.

I wish to express my grateful appreciation, and I know I speak for the entire Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference, to Mrs. Gilbert Bandel who led our Quiet Hour prior to the opening of the Annual Meeting, and to Mrs. Walter Brock and Mrs. Richard Veale for the lovely music which added so much to the program.

My thanks and appreciation to those who have worked with me during my term of office as Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life. It has been a great privilege and my life has been made richer and fuller for having worked with so many gracious and devoted Christian women throughout Louisiana. May God bless you and the work you are called to do.

SUPPLY WORK

Mrs. J. B. Kelley, Secretary

The Supply Work Askings for the Louisiana Conference for 1966-1967 were \$16,887.58 for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and \$2,005.00 for the Wesleyan Service Guild. At the close of the third period \$15,505.21 has been paid; this amount included special offerings for Christmas. Reports from five District Treasurers show that all have paid their Askings in full and some have paid more than was asked. Most of the Supply Askings for this year went to institutions and projects within Louisiana and the manner in which they have been met show the concern that is felt by the Woman's Societies and Guilds. Each gift, regardless of size, plays an important part in the total giving to help meet the great need that exists.

There has been a decrease in the number of Red Scissors Coupons sent to St. Mark's Community Center. The quota of 65,000 for the year is unlikely to be met. More emphasis needs to be placed on this project as it means much to St. Mark's.

Work other than Cash for Supply has been done by many of the societies but is sometimes lost in the reporting. One district reported clothes valued at \$350.00 had been sent to Dulac Community Center and other districts small gifts to other institutions.

CASH FOR SUPPLY WORK ASKINGS

1966-1967

World Askings, \$5,783.00

National Askings, \$10,445.50

Assignments for Districts

National Askings

Alpine Community Center, Alpine, Texas

Business Girls' Inn, 814 Cotton St., Shreveport

Peoples' Community Center, 2019 Simon Bolivar, New Orleans

Sager Brown School, Baldwin

St. Mark's Community Center, 1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans

Wesley Foundation, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston

Wesley Foundation, University Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette

World Askings

Aoyama Gakuin Schools, Tokyo, Japan

World, General, undesignated.

Wesleyan Service Guild

World Askings, \$522.00

National Askings, \$1,483.00

RECOMMENDATIONS—1966-1967

The following Recommendations are proposed as guidelines for local and district officers and secretaries and the societies.

IT IS RECOMMENDED:

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS (For All Officers and Secretaries)

1. That every officer and secretary study the **Handbooks**, monthly pages on lines of work from **The Methodist Woman**, and other materials to learn the duties and relationships of her office and to keep abreast of plans which should be promoted.
2. That every officer and secretary participate in officer training at local, zone, and/or district levels.
3. That officers and secretaries study to understand the total program of the Woman's Society and their responsibility in it.

VICE-PRESIDENT—Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr.

1. That the Vice-President, as Chairman, call the Committee on Program together as soon as possible after elections to discuss the responsibilities of each member to the committee; to consider all the program areas for which the committee is responsible; and to initiate plans for the coming year.
2. That the District Vice-President, as Chairman of the Committee to plan the Fall Workshops, attend, and encourage the committee members to attend, the School of Christian Mission that the maximum training might be received for planning the Workshop.
3. That the Vice-President, in cooperation with other officers and secretaries, seek to interpret and support the Ecumenical Movement, especially as it is expressed through United Church Women and the World Federation of Methodist Women; and that materials from **The Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook**, "The Picture Story of United Church Women," and letters from the Conference Vice-President be used to promote ecumenical understanding.

RECORDING SECRETARY—Mrs. W. E. Trice

1. That the local Secretary send the list of newly elected officers to the **District Secretary**, not later than April 1, 1966; and that the District Secretary send the list of newly elected district officers to the Conference Secretary, not later than May 1, 1966.

2. That the local Secretary assist the President in sending in Evaluation Reports to the proper district officers on time and correctly written.

3. That the local and district Secretary review the records, as kept by previous Secretaries, and see that they are put into some permanent form.

TREASURER—Mrs. Carl Gallaher

(See pages 44-45)

CAMPUS MINISTRY—Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr., Secretary

1. That the Secretary for Campus Ministry cooperate with her pastor in planning the observance of Student Recognition Day, Methodist Student Day, and the Universal day of Prayer for Students.

2. That the local secretary send gold student information cards for each student from the local church to the campus minister by June 15, 1966.

3. That the secretary seek ways in which she can effectively participate in the mutual ministry with international students and faculty.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS—Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Secretary

Christian women, including the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, are called to informed, responsible Christian action. It is therefore, recommended:

1. That each local Secretary of Christian Social Relations help her Society to become better informed on election issues on the local, state, and national levels; and that she make a concentrated effort to learn more about the problems related to such important issues as school drop-outs, poverty, and alcohol.

2. That each Woman's Society member secure and study factual material about the United Nations in order that she may better understand its functions and that of its agencies.

3. That each Society seek to understand the steps which have been taken recently in the Ecumenical Movement and become affiliated with the local Council of United Church Women; or, where there is no council, make a financial contribution, through the state treasurer of United Church Women, to the State Council.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE—Mrs. Garland Dean, Jr.

1. That the local Secretary become thoroughly familiar with the information in the leaflet, *So You Want to Study*, giving special attention to the topics in the leaflet: "Who Studies?", "Who Plans Study?", "What Are Goals for Study?", and "What Action After Study?"

2. That the Secretary promote and interpret projects of the Board of Missions by encouraging the creative use of such resources as: audio-visuals, current printed materials, missionary letters, and special speakers.

3. That the Secretary assume responsibility for the local society keeping in touch with missionaries and/or other workers especially assigned it, enlarging the list as love and concern dictate.

MEMBERSHIP CULTIVATION—Mrs. Max L. Clayton, Secretary

1. That the Woman's Society members develop an interest in all women as individuals and try to help them find a place to serve in the Woman's Society of Christian Service or Wesleyan Service Guild or Special Interest Group.

2. That District Secretaries of Membership Cultivation continue to enlist District Members from every church where there is no Woman's Society.

3. That the Secretary of Membership Cultivation cooperate fully in the effort to have an Officers Training Day in every local Society.

4. That the Secretary of Membership Cultivation attend regularly the services of her Church.

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL—Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Secretary

1. That the Committee on Nominations for the Woman's Society of Christian Service in each local church nominate, and the society elect, a **Representative** to serve with the Secretary of Christian Vocations in the local church. This representative shall channel bi-annual evaluation reports to the Secretary of Missionary Personnel for the district.

2. The Representative of the Woman's Society to the Committee on Christian Vocations in the local church shall refer names (with addresses and all pertinent information) of youth, students, and adults who have an interest in church-related vocations to the District Secretary of Missionary Personnel.

3. That a concerted effort be made in the local church to provide information concerning church-related vocations, and to give guidance and encouragement to those who commit themselves to a church-related vocation.

PROGRAM MATERIALS—Mrs. T. M. Ellis Secretary

1. That every local and district Secretary of Program Materials subscribe to and read **The Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook**.

2. That the Secretary of Program Materials be familiar with the Catalogue from Service Center, the four Handbooks, the Evaluation Reports, and the back page of **The Methodist Woman**; and that she work diligently to secure new and renewal subscriptions to the Magazines, with emphasis on special drives and promotion efforts.

3. That special duties of District Secretaries include ordering on consignment, displaying, and selling program materials at District Annual Meetings, and Workshops, as well as assisting the Conference Secretary at the School of Christian Mission.

4. That special duties of Local Secretaries include distributing Evaluation Report Blanks, and other materials sent to her for the Society, to the proper officers and secretaries and keeping her Society informed of materials available for programs and studies.

SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION—Mrs. T. Luster James, Secretary

Realizing that growth is inherent in this phrase, "Spiritual Life Cultivation" it is recommended, to meet the goals of the coming year.

1. That the District Secretaries provide time and place for training of local secretaries, giving them special help on Evaluation Reports.

2. That there be one or more Quiet Days, Retreats and/or Schools of Prayer in each district during 1966-67.

3. That the local Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation be alert to her obligation as an active, dedicated participant on the Committee on Program and the Commission on Membership and Evangelism.

4. That each local secretary develop at least one new, active Prayer Group and promote one Bible Study in addition to the recommended Bible Study for 1966-67.

SUPPLY WORK—Mrs. J. B. Kelley, Secretary

1. That Supply Work Askings be sent to the local societies by May 31, if possible; that local societies vote on acceptance of Askings at the first meeting after receiving them, and promptly inform the District Secretary of Supply Work of their action.

2. That Supply Work Askings be accepted and set before any additional projects or work are considered. (Pledge to Missions should receive first consideration.)

3. That District and Local Secretaries of Supply Work acquaint themselves with the work of projects and institutions assigned to them; that each local Secretary report at least quarterly to her society concerning the work of the accepted projects.

4. That the local Supply Work Secretary request the Treasurer to list the projects name, address, and amounts paid when reporting to the District Treasurer.

STATISTICS FOR LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Dist.	No. Soc.	No. Mem.	Dist. Mem.	No. Guilds	Guild	Total
Alexandria	38	1,038	0	11	189	1,227
Baton Rouge	56	2,071	4	14	223	2,298
Lafayette	31	1,084	0	8	161	1,245
Lake Charles	30	1,396	1	13	241	1,638
Monroe	43	1,561	8	16	305	1,874
New Orleans	36	1,872	0	11	192	2,064
Ruston	38	1,445	3	11	228	1,676
Shreveport	44	2,535	1	17	286	2,822
Eight Districts	316	13,002	17	101	1,825	14,844

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Mrs. John L. Howe, Chairman

Report of 1965 School of Christian Mission

The total number registered for the 1965 School of Christian Mission was 272. This number includes 258 students—222 in application groups and 34 registered for other group activities. Of the remaining 14, 9 were leaders of groups and 4 were staff members.

Total sales in Program Materials amounted to \$970.35.

Miss Margaret Wade Campbell, Louisiana's own missionary on furlough from Mexico, led morning meditations and served as a resource person throughout the school. Special emphasis was given to the 25th Anniversary of the Woman's Society in a program directed by Mrs. Garland Dean, dean of the school.

An Honorary Membership was given to Mrs. Martha Overbey, retiring Church and Community worker. A missionary offering in the amount of \$200.00 was given to missions, honoring Mrs. B. F. Patterson, former recording secretary of the conference, who recently moved to Liberty, Texas. Announcement was made of a \$100.00 IN HONOR GIFT for missions honoring Miss Margaret Wade Campbell.

Meetings of the Committee on School of Christian Mission

The Committee on School of Christian Mission, in session in August, 1965, voted to set July 18-22 as the date of the 1966 School of Christian Mission. In a meeting in October, 1965, the committee voted to open the 1966 School to chairmen of Commissions on Missions and of Commissions on Christian Social Concerns at conference, district and local level.

1966 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana

July 18-22, 1966

Theme: "Christian Being and Doing"

Dean: Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr.
 Asst. Dean: Mrs. Garland Dean
 Chairman of
 Arrangements: Mrs. W. B. Gardner
 Registrar: Miss Arline Tyler

Chairman of Audio-
 Visuals: Mrs. Wideman Watson
 Treasurer: Mrs. Carl Gallaher
 Secretary: Mrs. E. B. Miller
 Librarian: Mrs. John G. Cooke, Jr.

Group Meetings and Leaders

Platform Hour: First class period, the entire school meets together.

Team Coordinator: Mrs. Robert S. Reich

Application Groups: Small study-work groups, second class period.

Affluence and Poverty: Dilemma for Christians

Leaders: Mrs. Alfredo Nanez

Miss Louise Killingsworth

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy

Rev. J. Philip Woodland

Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn

Bible Study: James and I Peter: Dr. Webb D. Pomeroy

Special Interest Groups:

a. **Methods of Joint Planning for Church Wide Studies**

Mrs. Garland Dean

b. **The Work of the Committee on Nominations**

1966 MISSION TOUR

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TOURS

Mrs. C. R. McCammon

The fifth annual Mission Tour sponsored by the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held in the summer of 1966 from July 18-30. The itinerary will include several stops in the Mid-West with particular emphasis on mission projects in the Chicago area.

The tour directors will be Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham of Baton Rouge. Mr. Oldham is the District Director of Youth Work for the Baton Rouge District, and Mrs. Oldham is District Secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. They have been active for several years in all phases of youth work. This will be the third conference tour which the Oldhams have directed. They, with the Rev. and Mrs. John Johns of Hosston, directed the very successful tour in 1965 which covered some 3,000 miles of Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Virginia. Thirty-five young people participated in this tour.

The cost of the tour will be \$85 for each member. This includes meals and transportation. Overnight stops are made at the projects visited or in churches along the route. This necessitates sleeping bags or bed rolls.

Selection of tour members will be made by a committee from applications received. An applicant must be a junior or senior in high school or of college age and active in his church or student group.

Application blanks will be mailed in April to all local presidents of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and to all pastors. These blanks should be filled out and returned to Mrs. John Oldham, 10465 Cedarlane Drive, Baton Rouge, by May 20, 1966. Those selected as tour members will be notified by June 15, 1966.

Participation in the Mission Tour has proven to be a revealing and inspiring experience. Many young people have commented on the new understanding of the ministry of the Church which has come to them as a result of seeing the church at work in so many varied ways. A real sense of Christian fellowship has also been developed among tour members. The 1965 tour group held a reunion on March 5 and 6, 1966.

Excellent cooperation in the promotion of the tour has been received from local societies and churches, and the committee and the directors are most grateful. Societies and churches are urged to inform their young people concerning this tour and to encourage applications from those who will derive the most benefit from it.

REPORTS OF PROJECTS IN LOUISIANA RELATED TO BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTERS

PEOPLES METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTER

2019 Simon Boliver Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70113

Tuesday, September 7, 1965, marked the beginning of the forty-third year of Peoples Methodist Community Center as an institution giving services to the community. As usual the first day of school for children of this age group (two to seven years) stirs up a vast variety of emotions from hilarious joy to deepest despair. While some are happy to be back with old friends and playmates and to meet new friends, others are distressed at the prospect of being away from home and mother and familiar surroundings.

For most the period of adjustment is short and soon they are enjoying the new experience of being in Nursery School. Within a few days they begin to realize that being away from home and mother is not so bad after all; not when one can spend the day with playmates of ones own age and kindly adults who wipe your nose and tie your ribbons and put a band-aid on your bruised knee just like mother does for you.

Then too there are the toys and blocks and dolls to play with indoors plus the slide, the jungle gym, the swings and the merry-go-round on the playground. There are also tricycles, wagons and horses to ride outdoors. Ring games, jumping rope, throwing balls, just plain running or marching around the big playground can be fun too. Modeling clay into fantastic objects and shapes or coloring pictures, listening to records and stories and other fascinating activities can persuade a pre-schooler to change his mind about not wanting to be away from home and mother for the day.

Hardly had the year begun when we were so rudely interrupted by Hurricane Betsy. Fortunately the center suffered only minor damage and was able to resume operation within a few days. But the homes of many of our children and staff members were not so fortunate. So it was some time later before things were back to normal.

And now Peoples Center was called upon to face another challenge. That of helping to alleviate the suffering and misery of the hundreds of people who sustained such tragic losses as a result of the catastrophe. Even though space is always at a premium it became necessary to sacrifice the use of a large room so that space could be made available for use as a distribution center of clothing and household articles to flood victims throughout the city. Hundreds of boxes and bundles poured in from many different sources and many people were thereby helped.

Another major service was offered to the community through the facilities of Peoples Center—that of Operation Up-grade. This was a city-wide project sponsored by a committee of civic minded citizens to provide free instruction for illiterates. Classes were held twice weekly in the evenings and many took advantage of this opportunity to up-grade their educational standing.

As of now we are operating at full schedule with an enrollment of seventy-five in the nursery classes, eighty-four in the kindergarten and forty-two in the primary grades. Due to Hurricane Betsy the Fall Festival was a bit late getting under way this year. But nevertheless a good showing was made even though it was not the financial success of former years, thanks to Betsy.

Another event of importance occurred this year, a change of administrators. Rev. Calvin was called to pastor one of the larger churches in the city and was replaced by Rev. Nathaniel P. Perry. Rev. Perry comes to us with a splendid background of educational preparedness and experiences in the field of social welfare. Having served as a foster care worker with Montgomery County, Maryland Welfare Department and as supervisor. So we are confident of a bright future for Peoples Center under his leadership.

As we move on from one degree of service to another we are ever mindful of and grateful for the material and spiritual support of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND MEDICAL WORK
ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, Louisiana

Fae L. Daves, Director

Our fall program this year opened with the blast of "Betsy." Service to refugees took precedence over everything else. The doors of St. Mark's Community Center were opened to the overflow Friday night September 10th. About 200 refugees were housed, fed, and cared for here from Friday night to the following Tuesday morning. We were glad to be able to help in such an emergency.

St. Mark's Community Center has been attempting to meet some of the needs of the people of the community in which it is located since 1909, offering a variety of services to persons of all ages and many nationalities on a non-sectarian basis. It was not until September 1965, however, that the doors were opened to Negroes who presently form the largest population group between St. Mark's and Claiborne Avenue.

The purpose of St. Mark's as stated in the Bylaws is "to offer a program of Group Work, Informal Education, Recreation, and Camping for the enrichment of life, individual and family, and for the betterment of the community of which it is a part." While the program of activities includes all ages, 4 to 91 this past year, emphasis has always been upon services for children and youth. This emphasis is not on rehabilitation but development. We believe it is the right of every child to have the opportunity to grow in the right way so that each may realize fullness of life. Another program aim is leadership development. Last summer we had a number of our own young people on our staff, two had just graduated from High School—are now in college—two are High School Seniors now and two others were Junior Leaders. All had been in leadership training here and had assisted with groups on a weekly basis (volunteer) for at least a year. These young people who grow up in the work bring understanding to the job that it usually takes new staff a long time to attain.

Having the refugees here, most of whom were Negro, served as sort of prelude to integration for some of us. It was our first real contact with a large group of persons of this race. We found them cooperative, helpful, and appreciative. It helped us in understanding and strengthened our desire to serve them. Integration was accomplished without incident but of course there have been a few problems. In a transition period it takes time to work things out satisfactorily. Up to this point most of our afternoon groups and adult groups are integrated. There has been little mixing on the teenage level and we are not pushing it, feeling it is better for the young people to work this out themselves. It is too soon to evaluate this program.

We are most happy to be a part of the Adult literacy program "Operation Upgrade." Three classes (30-35) meet here two nights a week with all teaching and supervision being done by volunteers. There is great appreciation and enthusiasm among the new learners. We have continued our extension program in the Iberville Housing Project with classes for preschoolers and clubs for girls. This year the English classes for Spanish folk have been conducted by the Rev. Eakers of the Inner-city staff.

We Need Our Own Pool!

Last summer we had our usual big program with great interest and enthusiasm for swimming, play camp and other activities. Camp St. Mark's was operated at capacity for five weeks (94 campers). It was a good session. Since 1955 we have had the privilege of using the Salvation Army Camp Pool for our camping program for a small fee, but the pool is not always available to us; this was the case one week last summer. In fact our Board and Staff feel this so strongly that plans are now under way to build the Carmol Tackaberry Memorial Pool at camp this spring. We are proceeding on faith believing that the balance of the money we need will come in. We are proceeding with plans for our Annual Fair, April 1st, again not knowing exactly what to expect under our new setup. We can hardly expect to do as well as last year but hope to realize at least the \$800.00 we have to have for camp maintenance. We do not plan to integrate our camp this summer but to take our white and

colored members separately. We are surely grateful for all the help the New Orleans Woman's Societies and Guilds give us with the Fair each year.

Last year I thought I was making my final report but it did not work out that way. I will be retiring, however, at the end of March 1966. I am very happy to be able to turn the work over to one as understanding, capable, and dedicated as our new Director, Miss Louise Sharp. I know you will all give her the wonderful cooperation you have given me. Thank you, and may you continue to enjoy the blessing of the Lord in all your work.

MACDONELL METHODIST CENTER

1210 East Main Street, Houma, Louisiana

John L. Howe, Jr., Director

MacDonell Methodist Center is a home for dependent-neglected children. It is related to the National Division of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. About twenty-five boys and girls of school age are housed in three group-living units. At the present time an average of two in every eight of the children living at the Home have severe emotional disturbance. Forty-three children were served by MacDonell during 1965. Twenty-one left the Home during the year; eighteen were admitted; only four still at the Home this spring were residents throughout 1965. MacDonell touches the lives of these children and their families for a comparatively short time. To keep the services offered abreast of the constantly changing needs, the Board of Directors, the director, the caseworker, and the child-care staff are continually reviewing (1) facilities, (2) community resources, (3) program, and (4) the specific needs of the children.

This year Hooper Hall, the large four-story frame building used as a school before the children were enrolled in public school, was torn down. A one-story brick cottage housing ten children and their houseparent will be built in the spring of 1966. The Board of Directors has voted to erect a second cottage replacing McCoy Hall within the next two years.

Plans have been made to work on a cooperative basis with the Mental Health Unit in Houma—providing them with facilities for outpatient care in return for readily available psychiatric services for the children who need them.

Casework services continue to be given to children and to their families. The Board is working on a plan that will allow Mr. Carl Haydel, caseworker, to obtain his second year of graduate schooling and a Master's degree in Social Work. Mr. Howe, already a graduate Social Worker, has been working under the supervision of Mrs. Betty Spencer, director of casework services at Louisiana Southeast State Hospital, to sharpen his skills in supervising MacDonell's casework program.

Miss Marjorie Landshof, a US-2 from Canton, Ohio, has joined the staff this year with responsibility for special programming.

A recent survey of the cost of child-care at MacDonell shows the per diem cost of care for each child has increased from \$3.95 in 1953 to \$5.08 in 1965. Up-to-date facilities will help keep this cost in line with national averages, but the fact is that the specialized type of service toward which MacDonell is moving is an expensive service. The challenge issued by the growing need for this type service to children and families is to all Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild members. We, here at MacDonell, need and appreciate your support.

TOWN AND COUNTRY WORK

DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER

Box 1150, Dulac, Louisiana

Rev. Jerry M. Moon, Director

The Dulac Community Center is located 18 miles south of Houma, Louisiana, (or for other points of reference, 85 miles southwest of New Orleans or 90 miles south of Baton Rouge).

Our service area is long and narrow. We are located at the fork of the Bayou Grand Caillou and the Bayou Dulac. There are few people who live to the south of us as this area is mostly marshland. It is here that our people fish and trap. To our north, as the bayou winds its way toward Houma, people have settled along both banks forming a neighborhood which is virtually two blocks wide and ten miles long.

The farm area to the north of Dulac is nearly all in sugar cane. Very few of the people we serve are farmers, however. Most of our people probe the vast entanglement of bayous and marshlands to the south which extend some twenty miles to the Gulf of Mexico. It is here that they shrimp and fish; it is here that they have their oyster beds and do their trapping.

Miss Wilhelmina Hooper, who had stayed through all the history of the Center as a teacher, was retired in 1965 after 33 years of service to the people here at Dulac. Even though she was never the director, it can be assured that she will go down in history as the one person who has done more for the people of Dulac than any other.

We have been without an adequate boys' worker here for many years and anticipate that this may be remedied in the near future. We are contemplating having one more full time worker on our staff next year to fill the gap which was left at the retirement of Miss Hooper.

Our greatest task here at the Center is teaching social science, not in the text book fashion of new theory but in practical application. Through our clubs and organizations it is our hope that we will be able to teach applied Christian living in the Twentieth Century. We find ourselves limited in both staff and time for such a great task, but we are stuck with it and shall do our best.

Looking toward the future we find many possibilities. The federal government has opened new horizons with new programming from the poverty program. We are hoping there can be some way worked out whereby our people may benefit.

We are looking at our own situation and hoping that it will only be a matter of time until we may have both adequate staff and space to enlarge our program to meet the present needs.

As to space, we are now planning a new residence building which will house the present professional staff and provide room for one or more women workers. This will be a duplex located on land adjacent to the U. S. Coast Guard Station about a block from the Center.

We are also planning to build an addition to the present Center which will house the library, a club room, the craft room, the clothing sales room, and the offices. With the addition of this new building we should be able to carry on just about any type of program that the community would need. After these buildings are built we will be able to tear down the old building.

Now, of course, you are probably wondering where we shall find the money to finance all of this. The Woman's Division of the Board of Missions has nearly been our sole source of support for these many years and as we project into the future it appears that they will have the burden of supporting us for many years to come. We cannot solicit your financial support directly even though it would be deeply appreciated. We only pray you will continue to support the total mission of the church through both the Woman's Division work and Church World Service.

EDUCATIONAL WORK AND RESIDENCES

THE BUSINESS GIRLS' INN

814 Cotton Street, Shreveport, Louisiana

Mrs. Maxine F. Watkins, Director

Early each weekday morning forty to fifty young women hasten forth from The Business Girls' Inn to their tasks for the day. Some, poised and well groomed, move with assurance to downtown Shreveport offices where they hold responsible secretarial positions. Some go forth, hesitantly and unsure, to more recently acquired, simpler, but no less important, jobs. One, an illustrator, emulates the fashion figures she draws for a local department store. Another, in her snowy uniform, looks the part of

diligence and responsibility as she leaves for hospital classes where she is studying to be an X-ray technician. Another, in similar uniform, is in beauty school. The many, in teen-attire and laden with books and notebooks, are obviously business school girls. All are representative of an ever-growing number of older adolescents— young adults whose "campus" is the pavement of city streets and sidewalks, whose "classrooms" are within the highwalled brick and stone buildings rising abruptly above the sidewalks, and whose lives may evolve without particular plan of guidance, through casual contacts in this kind of community.

In order that these young women may have a temporary home in which it is possible to continue in the development of their "whole" person, the Inn seeks: (1) to maintain a plant which will contribute to their physical comfort and reflect beauty (2) to involve the young women in ways which will nurture their growth (3) to broaden their community contact and cultural enrichment. To this end, during the past year, we have added storage space, refurbished the Snack Kitchen, secured a professional hair dryer, been given a stereo for playing classical music in the living room, had landscaping done, and created out of already-at-hand materials, a Quiet Room for personal meditation. Many girls have worked in small groups as commit-tees. They have planned for morning devotions, a World Day of Prayer Service, Thanksgiving Service, carried out Advent Wreath Candle weekly services, a Christmas tree trimming party, given gifts for children through the Salvation Army, shared planning and hostessing a Christmas dinner for residents and the Board of Directors, participated in very responsible fashion in Saturday do-it-yourself Suppers. Guests, chosen for particular abilities and vocational skills, made notable contributions. These were Mrs. Paul Hildreth in a book review, a soloist, Miss Diane Baldrige, and guitarist, Mr. Ernie Gaw, in a program of folk songs, Mr. Bill Hunter, Jr., Crusade for Christ speaker, Miss Ann Fox and the Rev. Henry Blount leading study groups, and Shreveport Mayor Clyde Fant in a dinner talk.

Staff members, working together, study their task: what a girl is like when she comes to live at The Inn, from whence she came, how best to help her take new steps in her changing world. Planning both individual and group ventures, then evaluating response, Staff persons strive ever to provide direction that each young resident may discover herself, may grow in her own best way toward a mature independence, and have an increasing awareness of God's plan for her life and all of life.

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, Louisiana

William M. Stokes, Jr., Campus Minister

A student wrote, "Bill, you want me to tell ministers, who do not know, what Wesley is? Let me tell them that Wesley is what the student makes it." In this report I share other quotes from this letter. What is Wesley Foundation?

"It is a chance to work and to relax from work. It is a chance to be still, to be quiet, and to feel the awe of the Supreme Sacrifice." Thursday and Sunday Vespers, conducted by the students, are most important in their lives. Here students witness for Christ, sharing their faith with other students. For many speakers it is a personal testimony of some religious experience which they have had. Dr. Mack B. Stokes, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, spoke to the students on, "Why I Believe In God." Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter communion services are held the morning before the students begin the holidays. Special worship services scheduled are a Galilean Service and Pre-Easter Vespers. Bible Study, held each week, provides for study in the Christian faith.

"It is a deputation team, a great chance to witness; a chance to exhibit a faith not a wish, a chance to be an inspiration to maybe just one adult whose youthful enthusiasm and idealism may have become tarnished by weathering elements present in our 'Christian' culture; a chance to establish and re-establish the knowledge that I, the Methodist college student, am needed in the outreach of the Church of Christ." A deputation team is a group of the college students who go to the District churches to present a morning or evening worship service, speak to the WSCS, Methodist Men's Club, MYF, or be of service any way they can. Already scheduled this year are 33 deputations.

"Wesley is a chance to smile when a young child from the Methodist Children's Home wins the chocolate Easter bunny; and a chance for your heart to tug, your throat to swell, and your eyes to mist when he, with grass stains on his bluejeans, a button off his shirt, a wisp of hair down in his face, asks you to bend down, to hug your neck and to say that he loves you as simple as that." With the Methodist Student Movement Fund the students learn about missions and share in the financial support. The students shipped 11 boxes of engineering and science books to students in India who did not have funds for purchasing textbooks. The students helped to sponsor a project on campus raising money for an orphanage in Korea. The students' program goes beyond the local campus in sharing their faith. The planning committee for the party honoring our international students is composed of our students and some of the international students, which helps to develop understanding and co-operation.

Students participate in campus activities: first place in homecoming display "Bulldogs K.O. Southwestern"; first place in Campus Carnival "Wesley County Jail"; first place with the Spirit Trophy; Open House in honor of Mother's Weekend and Father's Weekend; and intramurals.

Fall Planning Retreat is held before the Fall Semester for the Council to plan the year's program. The students are in complete charge—discussion leaders, preparing the meals, the message at the morning worship service—of a Spring Retreat, attended this past year by 60 students.

The pastors of our churches, Reverend Douglas McGuire and Reverend Wilson Watson, and their members extend to the students a welcome to the services, offering them affiliate or regular membership. Dr. Henry Rickey, District Superintendent, is to be commended for his outstanding leadership in presenting our program to the churches. We are grateful for the support and interest given by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

"Wesley is this and a thousand things more; a feeling, a warmth, a glow, a chance, a smile, a laugh, a tear, a silence in a chapel, a never-ending report on Wesley, a dream, a work, a sweat, a stomach of butterflies, a pride, a challenge, and a love. It is something that someone can love so greatly that he would attempt the absurd possibility of trying to explain to those Insensitives who have not ripened in the glow of Wesley's light."

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana

Rev. Robert S. Barefield, Campus Minister

The semester's program began with a Pre-School Planning Retreat at Evangeline-Longfellow State Park in St. Martinville, Louisiana. Some eighteen students attended this over-night retreat where plans were made for the entire fall semester. Evaluation and recommendations from the Spring Retreat for 1965 were used as a basis for this very successful planning retreat. This retreat serves not only the purpose of initiating our activities early, but also takes the place of many short meetings during the regular semester.

Thursday night, which is known as Wesley night, serves as a basic time for the activities of the Wesley Foundation. A variety of programs and speakers were presented this fall. The emphasis in September was **Freshman Orientation Month**, and in October the theme was **Science and Religion**. In November a very helpful series on **Sex Morality on Campus** was presented. In December a very outstanding Christmas play was presented by the drama group of the Wesley Foundation, the Wesley Players. A total of 160 different people attended the Thursday night activities with an average attendance of 43.

Our Sunday morning program begins with a snack breakfast and includes Sunday School and worship at First Methodist Church. A variety of teachers taught this fall with the director teaching every other month. The average attendance at Sunday School was 22, with 50 different people participating. On Sunday night the Wesley Foundation Covenant Community met each week. Those who participate in

this program feel that it is the most meaningful part of our Wesley Foundation activities as a depth of study and participation is reached that is not found in the other activities. This program runs from 7 until 10 p.m. each Sunday night. Thirty different people attended with an average attendance of 20.

One of the highlights of the fall semester was our Fall Spiritual Life Retreat with Reverend L. Ray Branton of New Orleans as platform speaker. The theme for this conference was the "Revival of the Laity," and 25 persons were in attendance. Another highlight of the Fall semester was the 1965 MSM Regional Ecumenical Conference at Houston, Texas. Ten students from our campus attended this week-long conference during the Christmas holidays.

The pastoral counseling ministry of the director continues to be a most effective aspect of the Wesley Foundation program. Throughout the semester numerous students come for regularly scheduled counseling appointments.

The Methodist Student Center has been used more this fall by a greater variety of students than any time in the past several years.

SAGER BROWN SCHOOL

Baldwin, Louisiana

Rosie Ann Cobb, Superintendent

The 1965-1966 fiscal year for Sager Brown School began with new challenges, new inspirations, new hopes. During the month of June, some of the workers had participated in a workshop the Woman's Division held for staff members of its schools and there we received inspiration and a greater challenge for service in the days ahead.

The summer program of Sager Brown School consisted of tutoring for the slow learners, sewing classes for the girls and cooking, arts and crafts for both boys and girls. There were swimming parties, outdoor games and sports for both boys and girls. This program was carried on by the two US-2's and was conducted for the boys and girls of the dormitory only. It is our hope that in the near future our facilities will permit us to include our day pupils and others from the community. The last two weeks of July we cooperated with the Trinity Church in holding Vacation Church School.

The school term opened with an enrollment of 145 pupils over against 128 last school term. We were also happy to have on our staff 3 new workers—2 US-2's and 1 employed worker. We began our ungraded Primary Class in the grade that we formerly called the first grade. This has been done on an experimental basis but so far it seems to be quite satisfactory. We are considering having the first three grades of our school ungraded.

Unfortunately, we went through the same experience of evacuating for a hurricane in 1965 as we had done in 1964. We were in the path of Hurricane Betsy and the entire family had to leave. This time we were blessed because we were off campus only one day and not five as previously. Our damage was not nearly as great from the Hurricane Betsy as it was from Hurricane Hilda. We had much for which to be thankful.

At this writing plans have been completed for a building program and the work has been started. This program will include the building of an all-purpose building that can serve as a gym and an auditorium, kitchen-cafeteria, kindergarten, and library building, and a girls' dormitory.

We wish to thank all Woman Societies of Christian Service, Wesleyan Service Guilds and all friends for your financial help and your prayers for the work at Sager Brown School. May God bless each of you.

BYLAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Constitution of Conference Societies will be found in Constitution and Bylaws of the Woman's Division.

ARTICLE I — Officers and Secretaries

For DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES, See BYLAWS OF THE CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY, Section 1 to 13 inclusive, as adopted by the WOMAN'S DIVISION.

ARTICLE II — Executive Committee

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the conference society composed of the officers and secretaries; all members of the Division and officers and secretaries of the jurisdiction society residing within the conference; chairmen of committees, the president of each district society, the retiring conference president, who shall serve for one year, the Bishop of the area and such other persons specifically related to the work of the conference society as the society may determine; and the following ex-officio members who shall be without vote: the district treasurers, the district secretaries of membership cultivation, and the wife of the resident Bishop, who shall be an honorary vice-president. A majority shall constitute a quorum. The Division shall provide for the expense of Division members to attend one executive meeting a year of their conference society. (Amended March 1965)

This committee shall be the coordinating group for the total educational and promotional program in the conference, and shall determine the officer or secretary to be responsible for publicity. Vacancies occurring ad interim in officers or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations. (See Article VI, Section 2 of the conference of Wesleyan Service Guild bylaws in regard to ad interim vacancies of the Guild.)

Section 2. The executive committee shall constitute from its membership an Administrative Committee of seven officers and secretaries who shall meet upon the call of the president, to transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the executive committee. The committee shall be composed of the president, who shall be chairman, the vice-president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the secretary of membership cultivation, and two other members. The executive committee shall be advised immediately of business transacted by the administrative committee.

Section 3. Three years or more of an unexpired term of a conference office shall constitute a full term of office.

ARTICLE III — Committees

Section 1. The conference society shall provide such committees as the needs require.

Section 2:

(a) There shall be a Committee on Program composed of the president, vice-president, recording secretary, the secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, program materials, spiritual life cultivation, Wesleyan Service Guild and such other members as may be needed. The committee shall elect its chairman annually.

(b) The committee shall be responsible for planning a program of information and inspiration in harmony with the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, at the meeting of the Conference Society. (Amended March 1966)

Section 3. There shall be a Committee on Christian Social Relations composed of the conference secretary of Christian social relations as chairman, the chairman of Christian social relations for the conference guild, the district secretaries of Christian social relations, the members of the Section of Christian social relations of the

Division residing within the conference serving as members ex-officio, and such co-opted members as may be needed. This committee shall meet annually at the time and place authorized by the conference society. It shall make plans and bring recommendations to the conference society for the strengthening and promotion of the total program of Christian social relations as defined in the constitution and bylaws.

Section 4. There shall be a **Committee on Finance** composed of the treasurer of the conference society as chairman, the president, the secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, supply work, and Wesleyan Service Guild; the treasurers of the district societies and a limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the conference society. This committee shall meet at least semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall receive an annual cultivation budget request from the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Conference.

The committee shall study the strength of the societies and guilds in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed as to conference income and disbursements; local financial possibilities and problems; recommend to the conference society constructive plans for securing funds for conference and district cultivation; and assist by counsel in the forming of the conference pledge and cultivation budget and recommend it for approval.

Section 5. There shall be a **Committee on Nominations** composed of a chairman and four district presidents. The district members shall be rotated by districts as set forth in the Standing Rules No. 29 (Conference) and shall serve for two years. When vacancies occur among the district members of the committee, the successor in office shall fill the unexpired term. (Amended March 1965).

The chairman shall be a person with background and experience in the work of the Woman's Society, who has served as a Conference officer and shall have served as a member of the Conference Executive Committee within four years prior to her election. She shall be nominated by the Executive Committee of the Conference Woman's Society and elected at the Annual Meeting. The term of office shall be four years.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Nominations to find specially qualified women in the conference who may serve as officers, secretaries, chairmen of committees (except those committees which elect their chairman) and members of the Committee on Nominations. The Committee shall submit to the Conference Society for election an equal number of nominations for each office (one or two). Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Section 6. There shall be a **Committee on School of Christian Mission** with a dean, elected annually by the committee, who shall also serve as chairman of the committee. The office of dean shall be rotated among the members of the committee with no one serving more than two years in succession.

Other members of the committee shall be the president, the vice-president, the secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, program materials, spiritual life cultivation, Wesleyan Service Guild, and such other members as may be authorized by the executive committee of the conference society. This committee shall plan and promote a Conference School of Christian Mission which shall give emphasis to the world mission of the Christian Church through an integrated program of missionary education, Christian social relations, spiritual life cultivation and program building, and which shall train leadership for the promotion of the total program of the Society and Guild.

The officers and secretaries of the conference society and the chairmen of the conference guild shall have the opportunity of attending a Regional School of Christian Mission annually at conference expense.

Section 7. There shall be a **Committee on Spiritual Life Cultivation** of which the secretary of spiritual life cultivation shall serve as chairman. This committee shall keep in touch with the spiritual movements of the times and by prayerful research develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living; it shall promote Christian stewardship, special studies and the use of the Bible and other devotional materials. This committee shall make recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Conference Society regarding resources and opportunities which will help in the realization of the purpose of the society.

Section 8. There shall be a **Committee on Constitution and Bylaws** consisting of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and call attention to any overlapping, conflicting or unnecessary items. It shall prepare for use in the annual report a copy of the Bylaws adopted by the Conference, and the Standing Rules of Order. The chairman shall be elected by the executive committee. (Amended March 1965).

Section 9. (a) An **Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work**, whose chairman shall be chosen by the Executive Committee, shall be set up to help in planning and interpreting the work of the conference where there are one or more church and community workers. It shall be composed of the president of the Conference Society, the secretary of missionary education and service, the chairman of the Board of Missions of the Annual Conference, one of the three area council directors, the chairman of the Town and Country Commission, the district superintendents of the districts in which church and community workers are located, and one or more members at large. The executive secretary of the Town and Country Bureau of the Woman's Division shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. Other persons may be added who will be helpful to the committee in line with the recommendations from the Handbook for Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work. While the committee may make recommendations, the actual decision as to the area in which the Church and Community Worker shall serve rests with the Conference Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The church and community worker shall report quarterly to the Committee on Town and Country Work.

(b) There shall be set up in each district where there is a church and community worker a **District Advisory Committee**, composed of the members of the Conference Advisory Committee residing in the district, one or more ministers of the churches served by the worker, and any additional members which the Conference Advisory Committee suggests. This committee shall prepare for, plan with, and guide the worker and shall recommend annually to the executive committee of the conference the advisability of continuing the work for another year. (Amended March 1965).

Section 10. There shall be a **Committee on Annual Report** composed of the recording secretary, who shall be chairman, the president, the treasurer, the secretary of membership cultivation, and the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. **The committee may co-opt one additional person.** It shall be the duty of this committee to edit and publish the Annual Report of the Conference Society. (Amended March 1965).

Section 11. There shall be a **Committee on Place of Meeting** composed of three members, the chairman of which shall be a conference officer or secretary. These members shall be **appointed biennially by the president, who shall designate the chairman.** It shall be the duty of the committee to select suitable meeting places for Mid-Year and Annual Meetings of the Woman's Society and report to the Executive Committee their availability one year in advance of the meeting. Whenever possible the committee shall alternate the meetings between northern and southern parts of the state. (Amended March 1965).

ARTICLE IV — Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference, or who are actively participating members of churches within the bounds of the conference, shall be elected as conference officers or secretaries.

The officers and secretaries shall be elected biennially for a term of four years. No officer or secretary shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the following shall be elected at the annual meeting the second year of the quadrennium: a president, a secretary for campus ministry, a **secretary of missionary personnel**, a secretary of program materials, a secretary of spiritual life cultivation, a secretary of supply work.

At the annual meeting of the fourth year of the quadrennium the following shall be elected: a vice-president, a recording secretary, a treasurer, a **secretary of**

Christian social relations, a secretary of membership cultivation, a secretary of missionary education and service. (Amended March 1966)

Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

(a) Where there is only one nominee, the election shall be by voice.

Section 2. **Officers, secretaries, and chairmen of committees** shall take office June 1st after their election or appointment, with the exception of the chairman of the **Committee on Annual Meeting Program**, who shall take office immediately after her election. The outgoing officers shall make the annual report. (Amended March 1965).

Section 3. Vacancies occurring ad interim in office or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the committee on nominations.

Section 4. At the last annual meeting of the quadrennium the society shall elect six **conference officers and secretaries** for membership in the jurisdiction society, all of whom serve four years. (Amended March 1965).

(a) **Three of these officers or secretaries** shall be the president, the treasurer and the secretary of membership cultivation. The other three shall be elected by name. (Amended March 1965).

(b) If and when vacancies occur during the quadrennium among the designated officers, the successor in the office shall be the conference representative.

(c) Four reserve delegates from the conference officers shall be elected.

(d) If and when vacancies occur among the officers elected by name, the reserve delegates, in the order elected, shall replace them.

(e) Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 5. At the annual meeting of the conference society preceding the last annual meeting in the quadrennium of the jurisdiction society, the conference society shall nominate three women for membership on the Board of Missions, the names to be sent to the Jurisdiction Society. The Conference Society shall also nominate one woman to serve as alternate. This reserve alternate shall be nominated in the same manner as the nominees and her name retained by the Conference society. If there is need to substitute the name of the alternate when there has been withdrawal by a nominee, the name of the alternate shall be added after the last named nominee.

Section 6. At an annual or executive committee meeting of the conference society, at least six months preceding the Assembly, delegates to the Assembly shall be elected as follows: the conference president, one other conference officer or secretary, the conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, or her representative and one delegate from each district. (See district bylaws, Article IV, Elections, Section 4, concerning election of delegate.)

ARTICLE V — Funds

Section 1. The conference society shall make an annual pledge to the Woman's Division.

Section 2. All undirected missionary gifts shall be divided in the office of the treasurer of the Division on a basis agreed upon by the Division. There shall be no division of missionary funds by the conference treasurer.

Section 3. Gifts for missionary projects, clearly specified, shall be sent to the treasurer of the Division through the regular channels. (Amended March 1965).

Section 4. Funds contributed for Special Memberships and "In Remembrance" gifts are a part of regular pledges on appropriations and may not be directed by the Conference Society.

Section 5. Beginning in 1960-61 an amount up to fifteen per cent (15%) of the pledge of the Woman's Division may be set aside each year by the treasurer of the conference society for cultivation in the conference. Expenses of officers, speakers at annual meetings, expenses of executive committee meetings, expenses of delegates to annual meeting of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society, expenses of conference dele-

gates to the Assembly, expenses for promotional and educational work of the conference society shall be paid from this cultivation fund. All monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the conference work shall revert to the general fund.

There shall be one cultivation fund for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, the records of receipts from each group to be kept separate on the treasurer's books.

Section 6. One-half of one per cent per adult member of the conference society shall be sent by the conference treasurer to the Woman's Division for the Division Cultivation Fund.

Section 7. The offering received from the observance of a Call to Prayer and Self Denial shall be sent to the treasurer of the Division through regular channels. (Amended March 1965).

Section 8. All orders on the treasury must be approved by the Conference President and Recording Secretary.

ARTICLE VI — Amendments and Additional Bylaws

Section 1. Amendments to these bylaws may be made by majority vote at any annual meeting of the Woman's Division, provided a thirty-day notice is given in writing to all members of the Division by the executive committee or by the Committee on Constitution and By-laws of the Division.

Proposed amendments to the bylaws shall be sent to the recording secretary of the Division for presentation to the Division.

Section 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by majority vote at any annual meeting of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, provided a thirty-day notice is given in writing to the executive committee of the conference, or to the standing committee on Constitution and Bylaws and provided they are in harmony with the Division constitution and bylaws for the Conference Society. Copies shall be made for distribution to delegates.

STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. Thirty days before the Annual meeting the Conference recording secretary shall send to the president of each society in the conference registration cards, which she will fill in with the names of the delegates and, with check covering meals, mail immediately to the chairman of Registration in the society entertaining the Annual Meeting.

2. Representation at Annual Meetings of the Conference shall be one delegate for each hundred members or major fraction thereof. Each society, however small, shall have one delegate.

3. The membership at an annual meeting shall be composed of the following persons who have the privilege of voting: the executive committee, all local delegates, the wife of the resident Bishop, all past conference presidents, the chairman of the Deaconess Board, all district officers and secretaries, and all zone leaders.

4. The hostess society for the Annual Meeting shall provide homes for the Conference Executive Committee and delegates from societies with 20 members or less. Hotel accommodations shall be arranged for delegates from societies with more than 20 members, the expenses to be paid by their societies.

5. The conference shall pay expenses of the conference president, the recording secretary, the treasurer and the chairman of Annual Meeting Program at a hotel during Annual Meeting.

6. A half hour of each forenoon during the Annual Meeting of the Conference shall be devoted to worship.

7. A typist shall be supplied at the Annual Meeting for the typing of committee reports, expense of same to be paid by the Conference.

8. The **Committee on Annual Meeting Program** shall meet during or immediately

following the Annual Meeting to consider plans for the next Annual Meeting. Whenever possible, speakers who come from a distance shall be secured to address both the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild. (Amended March 1965)

9. The president may attend an annual meeting of the Woman's Division one time during her term of office at conference expense. (Amended March 1965).

10. Each officer or secretary shall submit to the treasurer itemized statements covering her expenses. These expense accounts may be submitted in advance of expenditures or afterwards. (Amended March 1965).

11. Officers and secretaries shall provide postage for all communications such as circulars, letters, literature, etc., that are sent to corresponding district officers and secretaries for mailing to local societies. (Amended March 1965).

12. It is against the policy of the Woman's Division of Christian Service: (a) to endorse and promote through its channels plans from business concerns to help local societies of Christian Service to make profits by selling their products; (b) to release the lists of officers to any organization or commercial firm.

13. Since the Woman's Society has a definite responsibility for support of the program of the Woman's Division, the Louisiana Conference wishes to point out that it is not the responsibility of the Woman's Society officers at the Conference or District level to seek contributions from the Woman's Societies' treasuries for the support of projects which are the responsibility of the Annual Conference or the District of the Church.

14. Transportation by car for conference officers on official business shall be allowed five cents per mile. Car pools are recommended and care should be exercised to accommodate four persons in a car whenever possible. When conference and district officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild and other riders travel together in a car, each person should share in the expenses of the car; the conference officer charging her pro rata share to the conference, and the district officer charging hers to the district, and the other riders assuming their share in the expenses of the car.

15. A sum not to exceed \$300.00 per year shall be allowed the secretary of Christian Social Relations for the promotion of this department of work in the conference.

16. In each year where there is a surplus from Cultivation Funds, an amount up to \$300.00, the exact amount to be determined by the Committee on Finance, shall be set aside as Designated Funds to be used for recruitment. The limit to the fund shall be decided by the Administrative Committee.

17. An amount not to exceed \$3000.00 may be raised on the local level by free-will offerings at the rate of 25 cents per member to be allocated toward the salary of a Youth Worker on the staff of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

18. When death occurs among members of the executive committee, to members of their immediate families, or to relatives living within their homes, an In-remembrance gift of \$5.00 may be sent as a memorial. (Amended March 1965).

19. When persons from the Louisiana Conference are commissioned as Deaconesses or as Missionaries, a gift of \$25.00 shall be presented them and a Special Membership given in their honor. When missionaries return to the field after furlough, an additional \$25.00 is to be given them. (Amended March 1966).

20. Expenses of one car from each district to the Conference School of Missions will be paid by the conference from the point where car pool originates. The district will assume expenses of persons to the place car pool originates.

21. A subsidy of \$9.00 per person shall be paid all the district officers of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild and conference chairmen of lines of work of the Wesleyan Service Guild attending and meeting the requirements of work of the Conference School of Christian Mission.

22. A Committee on Journal shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the Annual and Executive Committee Meetings. All minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the president and the recording secretary. (Amended March 1965).

23. The conference recording secretary shall have printed in the Annual Report a mailing list, according to categories, to whom the Annual Report is to be sent.

24. Standing Committees shall meet for organization before leaving the seat of the Annual Meeting. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum. Expenses for an annual meeting of each standing committee shall be allowed.

25. There shall be a District committee to visit home institutions within the bounds of the District, composed of the District Treasurer, and the District Secretary of Supply Work.

26. A retiring Conference officer or secretary who has served a full term may be given an honorary membership; one who has served a second term may receive a membership of higher denomination than one already held, or a gift to missions may be made in her honor; one who has served less than a full term may have a gift to missions made in her honor, the amount to be determined by the Committee on Finance.

27. The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws shall have the authority to incorporate in the conference and district bylaws any changes made by the Woman's Division, and to make needed editorial changes. (Amended March 1965).

28. A conference-wide one day training school for district officers and secretaries shall be held each year beginning in 1965-1966, if finances permit. (Amended 1966).

29. Rotation of district presidents for membership on the Committee on Nominations shall be as follows: Group 1—Lake Charles, New Orleans, Ruston, Shreveport; Group 2—Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Monroe.

30. That in the event of the death of the Treasurer of the Local Society, District Society or Conference Society, or the disability of such Treasurer to the extent that she is unable to discharge the duties of said office, the President of the Local Society, District Society or Conference Society be authorized and empowered by the Administrative committee to draw and sign checks on behalf of said Society. New Rule, March, 1966.

BYLAWS OF THE DISTRICT WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Constitution and Bylaws of District Societies will be found in **Constitution and Bylaws of the Woman's Division**.

ARTICLE I — Officers and Secretaries

For DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES SEE BYLAWS OF THE DISTRICT WOMAN'S SOCIETY, Section 1 to 13 inclusive AS ADOPTED BY THE WOMAN'S DIVISION.

ARTICLE II — Executive Committee

Section 1. There shall be an **Executive Committee** of the district society composed of officers, secretaries and chairmen of committees of the district society; zone leaders; members of the Woman's Division and the officers and secretaries of the jurisdiction and conference societies who are members of the district society; and the district superintendent. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

This committee shall meet prior to the meeting of the district society, shall consider the advance plans projected by the conference society, make recommendations to the district society for carrying forward these plans, and shall determine the officer or secretary to be responsible for publicity. Vacancies ad interim in offices or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nominations of the Committee on Nominations.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall constitute from its members an **Administrative Committee** of seven officers and secretaries who shall meet upon the call of the president, to transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the executive committee. **The committee shall be composed of the president,**

who shall be chairman, the vice-president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the secretary of membership cultivation, and two other members. The executive committee shall be advised immediately of business transacted by the administrative committee. (Amended March 1965).

ARTICLE III — Committees

Section 1. The district society shall provide such committees as the needs may require, under the guidance of the conference society.

Section 2. (a) There shall be a **Committee on Program** composed of the president, vice-president, recording secretary, the secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, program materials, spiritual life cultivation, Wesleyan Service Guild and such other members as may be needed. The committee shall elect its chairman annually.

(b) The committee shall be responsible for planning a program of information and inspiration in harmony with the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, at the meeting of the District Society. (Amended March 1966).

Section 3. There shall be a **Committee on Finance** composed of the treasurer of the district, as chairman, the president, secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, supply work, Wesleyan Service Guild, and a limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the district society. This committee shall meet at least semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall receive an annual cultivation budget request from the Wesleyan Service Guild of the district.

The committee shall study the strength of the societies and guilds in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed as to district income and disbursements, local financial possibilities and problems; assist by counsel in the forming of the district pledge and cultivation budget; and cooperate with the conference society in promoting and supporting the total financial program of the Woman's Division.

Section 4. There shall be a **Committee on Nominations** elected in the annual meeting of the district society whose duty it shall be to find specially qualified women in the district who may serve as officers, secretaries, chairmen of committees, except those committees which elect their own chairman, and members of the Committee on Nominations. The committee shall submit these nominations to the district society for election.

ARTICLE IV — Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the district, or who are actively participating members of churches within the bounds of the district shall be elected as district officers or secretaries. The district society shall determine the method of election of its officers.

District Officers and secretaries shall be elected for a term of two years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office. No officer or secretary shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years. One year or more of an unexpired term shall constitute a full term, with the privilege of re-election.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the offices shall be divided into two groups, with the election of one group each year. Group number one shall be composed of: a president, a secretary for campus ministry, a secretary of Christian Social Relations, a secretary of program materials, a secretary of spiritual life cultivation, a secretary of supply work. Group number two shall be composed of: a vice-president, a recording secretary, a treasurer, a secretary of membership cultivation, a secretary of missionary education and service, a secretary of missionary personnel. (Amended March 1965).

Section 2. Officers, secretaries and chairmen of committees shall take office June 1st after their election or appointment. The outgoing officers shall make the annual report. (Amended March 1965).

Section 3. Vacancies occurring ad interim in offices or chairmen of committees

of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the committee on nominations.

Section 4. At the annual executive committee meeting at least six months preceding the Assembly, one delegate shall be elected from each district by the district executive committee, who shall be a district officer or secretary. The expense of the district representative shall be paid by the District.

Section 5. Districts shall be divided into zones according to their size. A leader for each zone shall be elected by her respective zone for a term of two years with the privilege of re-election for one additional term. The number of zone meetings to be held during the year and program for same shall be determined by the district executive committee. An offering may be taken at each meeting. The leader may deduct any necessary expense of the meeting before remitting to the district treasurer.

ARTICLE V — Cultivation Funds

Section 1. Each district shall set up a fund for district cultivation and expenses according to its needs, secured through a plan recommended by the conference Committee on Finance and approved by the conference society.

(a) Each local society shall include in its budget for district cultivation an amount **not less than fifteen cents (15¢) nor more than twenty-five (25¢) per member, to be remitted to the district treasurer, the amount to be determined by the District Committee on Finance.**

(b) District treasurers shall set aside funds each year for the expenses of a delegate to the Assembly.

ARTICLE VI — Amendments and Additional Bylaws

Section 1. (See Article 6, Amendments and Additional Bylaws, Conference Society.)

Section 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by the District Woman's Society provided they are in harmony with the Woman's Division constitution and bylaws for the district society.

BYLAWS OF THE LOCAL WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

ARTICLE II — Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the society shall be composed of the officers, secretaries, chairmen of committees and circles, the representative serving on the Committee on Christian Vocations; the president, the treasurer and the coordinator of each unit of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the local church; members of the Division and the officers and secretaries of the jurisdiction conference and district societies who are members of the society; and the pastor. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

This committee shall meet once a month prior to the business meeting of the society. It shall consider all plans and projects and submit its recommendations to the society for action. Vacancies occurring **ad interim** in offices or in chairmen shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon the nominations of the Committee on Nominations.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall constitute from its membership an Administrative Committee of seven, who shall meet upon the call of the president to transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the executive committee.

ARTICLE III — Committees

Section 1. There shall be a **Committee on Christian Social Relations** composed of the secretary of Christian social relations, as chairman, and such other members as

the society shall designate. This committee shall meet regularly and study community, national and world issues and needs of concern to the church. The committee shall bring reports and recommendations to the monthly meeting of the society for its consideration and action. Special subcommittees may be appointed as need arises.

Section 2. There shall be a **Committee on Finance** composed of the treasurer as chairman, the president, secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, supply work, the chairman of local church activities, and such other persons as the society shall designate.

It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare the total budget of the society for approval by the Executive Committee and adoption by the society. This budget shall include amounts to be sent to the district or conference treasurer and the amounts to be expended locally. Officers, secretaries and committees of the society shall present all anticipated needs for funds to the Committee on Finance of the society for consideration in making the budget to be recommended to the society for adoption. All funds of circles are a part of the total budget of the society.

Requests, made either to the circles or to the society for funds not included in the budget adopted, shall be referred by the society to the Committee on Finance for study in relation to the total financial responsibility of the society and for recommendation to the society.

The **Committee on Finance** shall bring to the society recommendations and plans for securing all funds to be spent locally or channeled to the district or conference treasurers. (NOTE: Funds for missionary projects shall be sent by the treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the local church to the district or conference treasurer. Thank offerings, Christmas offerings, and Lenten offerings may be used as methods of securing the total budget of the society in the local church. The monies, which must be sent to the district and/or conference treasurer for forwarding to the Woman's Division, include bequests and devises to local societies from decedent estates which are designated in whole or in part by the donor for home and/or foreign missions.)

Section 3. There shall be a **Committee on Local Church Activities** composed of the chairman of the local church activities, as chairman, the treasurer, the secretary of the membership cultivation, and such other members as the society shall designate. The committee shall be responsible for recommending and co-ordinating fellowship activities of the society in the local church. It shall recommend activities and needs in line with the responsibilities of the society. As the need arises, it shall work with the minister and local church committees in making plans for fellowship activities. It shall refer items related to finance to the Committee on Finance for consideration and recommendation to the society.

Section 4. There shall be a **Committee on Membership** composed of the secretary of membership cultivation, as chairman, the secretary of spiritual life cultivation, representation from each of the circles and such other members as the society shall designate. This may be a joint committee with the Wesleyan Service Guild. In this instance, the committee shall have co-chairmen.

It shall be the duty of this committee to plan frequent surveys of the women in the community. It shall make definite recommendations to the society regarding plans for meeting responsibility in the enlistment of women in the life and work of the church. It shall plan creatively for the involvement of women in the fellowship of study, service and action of the society. The committee shall strive to establish such relationship with new members of the society as will enlist their eager participation in the total program of the church and of the society. The committee shall seek to interpret the place and responsibility of women in the local church. The committee shall cooperate in the total program of evangelism and membership cultivation of the local church.

Section 5. There shall be a **Committee on Nominations** responsible for the presentation of nominations for officers, secretaries, chairmen of committees, and members of the Committee on Nominations. The consent of nominees shall be secured before presenting names. The committee shall make nominations to fill vacancies which occur *ad interim*.

The committee shall nominate a representative from the society to serve on the

Committee on Christian Vocations of the church, or to work with the secretary of Christian vocations where the committee does not exist. The nominations shall be given to the Committee on Nominations of the church and the election shall take place in the Quarterly Conference of the church.

Section 6. There shall be a **Committee on Program** composed of the vice-president as chairman, the secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, program materials, and spiritual life cultivation. Additional members may be elected or appointed by the Executive Committee if the society so desires.

This committee shall plan and make recommendations to the society for the total program of study and action of the society and give guidance to the implementation of these plans.

Section 7. There shall be a **Committee on Publicity** composed of the recording secretary and such other members as the society shall designate. The committee shall send to the church bulletin and newspapers all notices and reports of meetings of the society, and shall collect clippings and letters of interest relating to society meetings, programs and social functions. It shall have charge of printing and stationery.

Section 8. There shall be a **Committee on Spiritual Life Cultivation** of which the secretary of spiritual life cultivation shall serve as chairman, the secretary of membership cultivation and such other members of the society may designate. This committee shall keep in touch with the spiritual movements of the times and by prayerful research develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living; it shall promote Christian stewardship and the use of the Bible and other devotional materials. The committee shall make recommendations to the Executive Committee of the society regarding resources and opportunities which will help in the realization of the purpose of the society.

ARTICLE IV — Nominations and Elections

Section 1. At the time all officers and secretaries are elected, the society shall elect, for a three-year term, a Committee on Nominations composed of three to five members, one of whom shall be elected chairman by the society. The member of the committee who is elected chairman shall serve as chairman no more than one year and, while serving in this capacity, she shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

Membership on the Committee on Nominations shall be divided into classes with no member serving more than three consecutive years.

Section 2. At the time of the election the Committee on Nominations shall present, for the ensuing term, nominations of all officers and secretaries, the chairmen of the committees, and the members of the Committee on Nominations.

Section 3. There shall be opportunity for nominations from the floor. Elections may be by acclamation or by ballot.

Section 4. A majority vote is sufficient for election. Those elected shall assume their duties at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Section 5. No officer or secretary shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years, with the possible exception of the treasurer, who may serve eight years.

Section 6. Vacancies occurring *ad interim* in offices or among the chairmen shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations.

ARTICLE V — Meetings

Section 1. There shall be one or more regular meetings of the society during a month. Adequate time shall be given in the meeting for education in and successful promotion of the vast interests committed to Methodist women. One regular meeting of the year shall be devoted to consecration of the plans, programs and financial pledges for the year. The Committee on Nominations shall bring a report

and an election shall be conducted for the officers, secretaries and chairmen. Annual reports shall be given and installation held before the close of the year.

Section 2. Where expedient, the society may organize circles which shall meet once a month for an inclusive presentation of the plans and program of the society. Membership in circles shall be revolving, subject to entire change of personnel (annually or biennially) at the time of the annual meeting.

Section 3. The order of business shall include a worship, reports of officers, secretaries and chairmen of committees, and a program presenting the total work of the society as provided by the education and cultivation agencies of the Division.

Section 4. A special meeting of the society may be called by the president with the approval of the Executive Committee. At such special meetings no business shall be transacted except that for which the meeting is called.

Section 5. The president may call a special meeting of the Executive Committee to consider business of importance.

ARTICLE VI — Amendments and Additional Bylaws

Section 1. Amendments to these bylaws may be made by majority vote at any annual meeting of the Division, provided a thirty-day notice is given in writing to all members of the Division by the Executive Committee or by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws of the Division.

Proposed amendments to these bylaws shall be sent to the recording secretary of the Division for presentation to the Division.

Section 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by the society provided they are in harmony with the Division constitution and bylaws for the society in the local church.

STANDING RULES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES

1. No new society can be reported until a quarterly report has been sent to the District treasurer and a period report to the secretary of Membership Cultivation.

2. In order that the society entertaining the Annual Meeting may not be deprived of the benefits of the meeting, meals shall be served by an outside agency.

3. In case any society is not sending a member as a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service, that society may elect its zone leader to serve in that capacity, and may also assist in paying her expenses.

4. One-fourth of the membership of the society shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers.

5. The president of the society shall be responsible for the calling of an Executive meeting the last of each period, at which time the reports should be made out and mailed to the District officers.

6. The treasurer of each local society shall send a copy of the total budget to the district treasurer not later than July 15. The budget shall include an amount not less than fifteen cents (15¢) nor more than twenty-five cents (25¢) per member for district cultivation, amount to be determined by district committee on Finance. (Amended, March 1966).

7. The Secretary of Membership Cultivation in each society shall send the Memorial Roll to the Secretary of Membership Cultivation of the District not later than March 10.

8. Societies having the Circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least every two years.

9. A report presenting all resolutions and plans adopted should be made by the delegates at the first meeting of the society after the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society.

10. All monies remaining in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, except those designated for local work, shall be sent to the District treasurer to be channeled by her to the Conference treasurer.

11. All appeals for funds outside the institutions and agencies of the Woman's Division shall be referred to the Committee on Finance before being presented to the Society.

12. District, Conference and Jurisdiction officers shall be members of the Executive Committee of their local societies.

13. A contribution of 25¢ per member may be sent annually through regular channels for the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

14. Officers should be elected in February. Those elected shall assume their duties the first of June.

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Woman's Division Members in Louisiana
Executive Secretaries
Executive Secretary Wesleyan Service Guild

Jurisdiction:

South Central Jurisdiction President and Guild Secretary
Presidents and Recording Secretaries of each Conference in Jurisdiction
Jurisdiction officers residing in Louisiana

Conference:

Past president of Louisiana Conference
Louisiana conference officers and those recently retired
Chairmen of Committees not otherwise included in list
Members of Conference nominating committee
Guild: conference secretary, recording secretary, and chairmen of lines of work

District:

All district officers and secretaries
5 copies to each district secretary of membership cultivation
Guild district secretaries and chairmen

Local:

Woman's Society local presidents and zone leaders
Guild local presidents

Missionaries, Deaconesses, and Workers:

Directors of Projects under Board of Missions in Louisiana
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Deaconesses, Contract Workers and U.S. 2's from Louisiana Conference
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Office of Area Council
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WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

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THE METHODIST CHURCH



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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE GUILD WEEKEND

August 6, 7, 8, 1965

The Nineteenth Annual Guild Weekend of the Louisiana Conference began at 4:00 P.M., Friday, August 6, 1965, at Centenary College, Shreveport, with registration in the living room of James Dormitory. Miss Virginia Wren was registration chairman.

Fellowship singing under the leadership of Miss Jerry Beck of Mansfield was enjoyed in the auditorium of the Hurley Music Building beginning at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Clyde A. Black of Shreveport was the pianist.

A time of SELF STUDY BEFORE GOD was held for the Conference Guild Committee in the library of James Dormitory under the leadership of Miss Arlene Tyler, Conference Secretary, and Miss Mildred Evans, Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, with the following officers and chairmen participating: Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Mrs. Justin Vega, Mrs. Joe L. Rountree, Jr., Misses Grace Lawson, Elizabeth Langford, Laura Lynch, and Sybil Kelly.

At 7:00 A. M. Saturday the Guilders were led by Mrs. G. W. Dameron in a meditation based on the book *Salty Christians* by Hans-Reudi Weber. Registration resumed after breakfast and literature was available in James Dormitory under the supervision of Miss Grace Lawson, Chairman of Program Materials. A staff meeting preceded the first general session.

Miss Tyler presided at the first general session beginning at 9:00 A.M. in the auditorium of the Hurley Music Building. After prayer by Mrs. Helen Owen, Miss Tyler introduced the officers and chairmen of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. All members of the Conference Guild Committee were present except Mrs. Glenn Laskey and Mrs. George Thomas.

Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Program Chairman, presented changes in the printed program. The Reverend Mr. Robert W. Taylor welcomed the group in behalf of Centenary College.

A skit entitled "Whose Job Now" was led by Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Sr. The program presented officer responsibilities with emphasis on changes that have been made in terminology and in duties.

At 10:30 the following Officer Responsibility Groups, with leaders as shown, convened: Presidents, Miss Tyler and Mrs. Dameron; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Milton Baldrige and Mrs. McCammon; Membership Cultivation, Miss Elizabeth Langford and Mrs. Max Clayton; Recording Secretaries, Miss Maree White and Miss Marilyn Carter; Supply Work and Treasurers, Miss Dorothy Dunbar and Mrs. Carl Gallaher. During this period the Conference Chairmen of Spiritual Life Cultivation, Missionary Education and Service, and Christian Social Relations met with the district chairmen of the corresponding Line of Work to discuss problems on the district level.

An assembly followed the above sessions. Miss Tyler presented Miss Mildred Evans, who described plans for a Conference Spiritual Life Study Retreat scheduled tentatively for January 29 and 30, 1966, at the Lodge in Hodges Gardens. Mrs. Cecil Matthews, Woman's Society Jurisdiction Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, is to be the leader. Miss Marie Pace moved that the plans for the retreat be approved. **Motion carried.**

Miss Elizabeth Langford reported a splendid response to the 1965-66 *Guild Times* subscription campaign.

Miss Tyler announced that a Weekend Missions Seminar planned for the Guild on the Division level is scheduled to be held October 22-24, 1965, at Dulac.

The second general session convened at 1:45 P. M. with Miss Tyler presiding. Miss Jerry Beck led the singing of the Guild Hymn; Miss Tyler offered prayer. At two o'clock the following Officer Responsibility Groups met: Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur and Mrs. W. B. Gardner; Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. Mainous; District Secretaries, Miss Tyler; Spiritual Life Cultivation, Miss Evans; Program Materials, Miss Lawson.

In the auditorium at three o'clock, Miss Tyler introduced the Reverend Mr. George Pearce, District Superintendent of the Shreveport District, who welcomed the Guilders. Mrs. Mainous then presented the new four-part study, "Mission, the Christian's Calling."

Mrs. Dameron continued the presentation of *Salty Christians* at vesper time in the parlor of James Dormitory.

The third general session was held in the parlor of James Dormitory. After a hymn, Mrs. Zola McGehee of Baton Rouge District led in prayer. Miss Tyler introduced Dr. Webb Pomeroy of the Centenary College faculty, who presented a lecture on the Book of Acts. Guild members were especially grateful to Dr. Pomeroy, who, on short notice, replaced Miss Ethylene Sampley, who was unable to fulfill her speaking engagement and present the study on "Acts, Then and Now."

Early Sunday morning, Mrs. Dameron concluded the presentation of *Salty Christians*. As each member moved from the parlor of James Dormitory, she was given a small salty cracker, symbolizing the indwelling of the quality of "saltiness" in each Christian.

The final general session convened at 8:30 in the Hurley Auditorium. After a hymn, Mrs. McCammon led in prayer. Mrs. M. W. Phillips, District Secretary of the Monroe District, presented the "Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Goals." As a part of her talk she reported that four from Louisiana Conference had volunteered for short-term service: Miss Juanelva Rose of Lake Charles to Tiawan; Miss Carol Wood of De Ridder to Korea; Miss Carol Cotton of Rayville to North Mississippi as a rural worker; Miss Betty Lou Vickers of Leesville as a US-2. With the commissioning of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brunson as full-time workers, this group gave Louisiana Conference the largest number of recruits into Christian Service in the South Central Jurisdiction.

A financial statement was made by Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Conference Treasurer. Miss Tyler urged the cultivation of new members. She then presented charters to representatives of new Guilds: Asbury Church, Lafayette; and First Church, Shreveport, organized in 1964-65; and St. Paul's Church, Monroe, organized in this new year.

Miss Langford gave a very encouraging report on the subscription response to the proposed unification of *Guild Times* with the Woman's Society's *Conference News*. Miss Lawson reported the sale of \$396.50 in literature during the weekend.

Miss Virginia Wren, Chairman of Registration, gave the following report of attendance: Alexandria District 13, Baton Rouge 16, Lafayette 7, Lake Charles 16, Monroe 22, New Orleans 26, Ruston 14, Shreveport 34, WSCS 6. Total, 154.

Miss Tyler called Miss Elizabeth Langford to the front. The Conference Secretary, in behalf of the Conference Guild, dedicated the love offering of the morning worship hour (except for an honorarium for Dr. Pomeroy) to Missions in honor of Miss Langford, editor of *Guild Times* for eight years. Miss Langford responded with words of appreciation.

Miss Mildred Evans presided at the eleven o'clock worship hour. Miss Jerry Beck sang "How Happy Every Child of Grace." The message of the morning was given by Mrs. John (Coy) Howe; she challenged the Guild to "Look About Us."

The Guild Weekend adjourned with the benediction.

Maree White, Recording Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 7, 1965

The Administrative Committee met in the small living room of James Dormitory at ten o'clock after the evening session of Guild Weekend, August 7, 1965, with Miss Arline Tyler presiding. Present were: Miss Tyler, Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Miss Mildred Evans, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, and Miss Maree White. Prayer opened the meeting.

Mrs. Mainous moved that the Conference Guild present an honorarium of \$25.00 to Dr. Webb Pomeroy for his presentation of the study on the Book of Acts at the Guild Weekend. Motion carried.

Miss Evans moved that the Conference Guild present a copy of *The Book of Worship* to Mrs. Clyde A. Black in appreciation of her services as organist during the Guild Weekend. **Motion carried.**

Miss Evens moved that the offering received at the eleven o'clock service concluding the Guild Weekend (except for the \$25.00 for the honorarium for Dr. Pomerooy) be sent to Missions in honor of Miss Elizabeth Langford in appreciation of her generous service to the Conference as editor of *Guild Times* for eight years. **Motion carried.**

Marce White, Recording Secretary

MID-YEAR MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Alexandria, Louisiana -- October 2 and 3, 1965

The Annual Mid-Year meeting of the Louisiana Conference Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild convened at 1:30 P. M., October 2, 1965, at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria, Louisiana, with Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, presiding. The meeting opened with a brief worship period led by Miss Tyler.

The secretary called the roll; present were: Miss Tyler, Miss Marce White, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Miss Grace Lawson, Miss Mildred Evans, Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Miss Marilyn Carter, Miss Elizabeth Langford, Miss Bessie Rollo, Mrs. Joe Rountree, Mrs. Louis Soileau, Miss Laura Lynch, Mrs. M. W. Phillips, Miss Sybil Kelly, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. George Thomas, and Mrs. C. R. McCammon. The secretary was instructed to send cards to the absent members.

Mrs. Dameron, Conference President, reported that details for the joint publication of the Guild and the Woman's Society were being worked out. Mrs. John Howe is to be editor, assisted by Miss Mildred Evans, Guild Editor; Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Woman's Society editor; and Mrs. W. B. Gardner, business manager.

Mrs. Gallaher, Conference Treasurer, commended the Guild for the fine report for the first quarter of the conference year.

Mrs. Sandefur reported as Chairman of Christian Social Relations, giving the activities within the conference in her Line of Work.

Mrs. Mainous described the work being done in the area of Missionary Education in the conference.

It was announced that plans for the Weekend Mission Seminar to Dulac, sponsored by the Woman's Division, to be October 22-24, 1965, were complete.

Miss Lawson, Chairman of Program Materials, reported that \$414.00 worth of literature had been sold at the Guild Weekend, of which the Conference Guild received \$41.40.

Miss Evans, Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, reported on the Spiritual Life Training session held in Alexandria on April 24 under the leadership of Mrs. Cecil Matthews, Jurisdiction Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation. She said that plans are almost complete for a Conference Spiritual Life Study Retreat to be held at Hodges Gardens Lodge January 29-30, 1966, with Mrs. Matthews leading.

Miss Dunbar gave a report of the Supply Work activities.

Miss Carter reported on research activities by the Conference Nominating Committee.

District Secretaries who were present reported on the work in their districts.

Miss Langford, for eight years editor of *Guild Times*, thanked the members of the Committee for their support during her term of office and asked that the staff of the new publication be given the continued support of the group as they set up the joint publication.

Mrs. Phillips moved that the Conference Guild Committee approve the appointment of Miss Mildred Evans as Guild editor of the new conference publication. **Motion carried.**

The first issue of the paper is planned for January, 1966.
Mrs. Mainous, Program Chairman, gave a report of the Program Committee Meeting held during the morning (October 2, 1965). She pointed out that the plan calls for the Guild Committee meeting to be at 8:00 P.M. on Friday of the weekend of the Spring Meeting. The plan was approved.

Mrs. Mainous moved that this Committee go on record as setting the registration fee at \$2.00 for any Guild member who attends any part of the program at the Spring Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Miss White moved that Miss Langford be retained as a member of the Conference Guild Committee to the end of the Conference year. **Motion carried.**

Miss Carter moved that a telephone be installed in the Centenary College Dormitory and made available during the Conference Guild Weekend. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Mainous will be Program Chairman for the Guild Weekend, 1966.

Miss Langford moved that the last sentence of Article V, Section 7 of the Conference By-laws be amended to read: "The committee shall elect the chairman for each meeting one year in advance of the meeting."

Closing evening worship was led by Miss Evans.

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The Sunday morning session opened with prayer.
The proposed budget was presented by Mrs. Gallaher. The following amendments resulted in the figures shown in the second column, below. Miss Lawson moved that the item for Conference Guild Weekend be reduced to \$150.00. **Motion carried.** Miss Langford moved that the item for Regional School of Christian Mission be increased to \$200.00. **Motion carried.** Mrs. Gallaher moved that the item for *Guild Times* be increased to \$200.00. **Motion carried.** Miss Carter moved that the item for Office Expense be increased to \$260.00. **Motion carried.** Mrs. Gallaher moved that the budget, as amended, be accepted. **Motion carried.**

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1966-67

Item	Proposed Budget	Budget
Office Expense	\$200.00	\$260.00
Annual Meeting	550.00	550.00
Conference Guild Weekend	350.00	150.00
Mid-Year Executive Meeting	250.00	250.00
Jurisdiction Guild Weekend	175.00	175.00
Regional School of Christian Mission	160.00	200.00
Jurisdiction and Division Cultivation	140.00	140.00
<i>Guild Times</i>	100.00	200.00
Committees	100.00	100.00
Miscellaneous	75.00	75.00
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Mrs. Gallaher moved that the following Pledge be accepted. **Motion carried.** Each district pledge is \$7.00 larger than that of 1965-1966.

PROPOSED PLEDGE — 1966-67

Alexandria, \$2,072.00; Baton Rouge, \$4,138.00; Lafayette, \$2,064.00; Lake Charles, \$3,430.00; Monroe, \$3,546.00; New Orleans, \$3,460.00; Ruston, \$2,804.00; Shreveport, \$3,460.00; Total, \$24,974.00.

Mrs. Gallaher explained that the Pledge does not include the Assembly offering for the retired deaconess fund to be made at the quadrennial meeting in Seattle next year.

Mrs. Mainous moved that a letter be sent to each unit after the spring meeting soliciting a contribution for the Assembly Offering designated to a fund for retired missionaries and deaconesses. **Motion carried.** It was explained that this offering cannot count on the unit's Pledge to Missions.

Mrs. Dameron submitted the following recommendation:

(a) That, at the request of the Woman's Division, the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild make a Supplementary Gift of \$10,000.00 toward the expense of building two new cottages at MacDonell Methodist Center.

(b) That this amount be paid over a period of years, beginning with \$1,200.00 in 1966-67.

(c) That local Societies and Guilds be requested to include a supplementary gift for MacDonell in their budgets, the amount to be determined by each group.

Mrs. Gallaher moved that this Committee accept the recommendation as presented. **Motion carried.**

Miss Tyler appointed Miss Evans and Mrs. Sandefur to the Journal Committee for this Mid-year meeting.

Mrs. Mainous moved that the Conference Secretary and two other members of the Conference Guild Committee be authorized to go through the accumulated files now in the possession of the Conference Secretary and remove such papers as they deem unnecessary to the permanent records of the organization, and to report back to the Conference Committee. **Motion carried.**

Miss Carter moved that the Conference Secretary be authorized to purchase whatever file materials may be necessary to put the files in order. **Motion carried.**

Miss Tyler appointed Mrs. Mainous and Mrs. Sandefur to the committee to examine the files.

Miss Carter moved that the last-named committee investigate the possibility of binding the annual reports by quadrennia. **Motion carried.**

Miss Tyler recommended that each conference officer get her files in order and pass them to her successor, enclosing a job analysis giving suggestions for the conduct of the office.

Mrs. Thomas suggested that the Conference Secretary and the Recording Secretary serve staggered terms so that one will have two years' experience in office when the other is installed.

Miss Carter moved that the Committee on By-laws and Standing Rules be instructed to revise Article VI of the By-laws to provide for the election of the Recording Secretary in the fourth year of the quadrennium for a term of four years. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Dameron moved that the By-laws and Standing Rules Committee be instructed to revise Article V, Section 4, taking into account the following possibilities: (1) Rotation of the members of the Committee on Nominations; (2) Method of selection of the chairman; (3) Qualifications of members of the committee. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Mainous moved that the minutes of the Guild Weekend be accepted on the recommendation of the Journal Committee. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. McCammon.

Maree White
Recording Secretary

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, March 4, 1966

The Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee met in the Louisiana Room of the Jack Tar Capitol House in Baton Rouge at 8:00 P.M. Friday, March 4, 1966, with Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary presiding.

The meeting opened with prayer by Miss Tyler.

Present were: Miss Tyler, Miss Marcee White, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Miss Grace Lawson, Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Miss Elizabeth Langford, Miss Marilyn Carter, Miss Bessie Roilo, Mrs. Joe Rountree, Mrs. Louis Soileau, Miss Laura Lynch, Mrs. M. W. Phillips, Miss Sue Batton, Miss Sybil Kelly, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Max Clayton, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. George Thomas, and Mrs. C. R. McCammon.

Miss Tyler explained that Miss Mildred Evans would arrive Saturday afternoon, after the funeral of an aunt. Mrs. Milton Baldridge, was expected Saturday morning to substitute for Mrs. Justin Vega. The recording secretary read a note from Mrs. Glenn Laskey, who could not attend.

The minutes of the November, 1965, meeting of the Guild Committee were approved with one addition: Change the (b) paragraph of Mrs. Dameron's recommendation concerning the supplementary gift to MacDonell Methodist Center to read:

(b) That this amount be paid over a period not to exceed seven years, beginning with \$1200 in 1966-67.

Communications were read from: Miss Laura Lynch thanking the Committee for the gift in memory of her mother; Mrs. Lee Tidwell thanking the Guild for a Gift to Missions in her honor; from Governor John McKeithen acknowledging a resolution by the Guild March 27, 1965, in regard to the sale of immoral literature; and from Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick extending greetings and best wishes for a successful meeting.

Mrs. Rountree gave a preliminary report on registration and made announcements in reference to mechanics of the meeting.

Mrs. Mainous made one correction in the program—a typographical error.

Miss Langford moved that a telegram of sympathy be sent to Miss Evans tonight Carried.

The following committee appointments were made by Miss Tyler: (See Minutes of the Afternoon Session for this list).

Reporting for the Committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules. Miss Elizabeth Langford read the following suggested changes and additions (changes in bold type):

BYLAWS:

In the membership of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild, delete "the editor of **Guild Times**," and insert in its place, "**The Guild editor of Christian Service Times.**"

ARTICLE V, Section 4: Amend to read:

"There shall be a Committee on Nominations composed of five members whose duty shall be to present nominations of all officers, Chairmen of Lines of Work, and members of the Committee on Nominations."

ARTICLE V, Section 6: Amend to read:

"There shall be within the Conference Guild Committee, a Budget Committee. The Committee shall be composed of the Conference President, the Conference Treasurer, the Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and two other Guild members appointed [here delete the word biennially] by the Conference Secretary."

ARTICLE V, Section 7: Amend to read:

"There shall be a Committee on Program composed of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairman of the Lines of Work, **the Guild Editor of Christian Service Times**, and the District Secretary of the district in which the meeting is being held.

The Program Committee shall elect the chairman for each meeting one year in advance of the meeting."

ARTICLE VI, Section 1 (b): Delete **"The Recording Secretary."**

ARTICLE VI, Section 1 (c): Amend to read:

"At the fourth year of the quadrennium the **Recording Secretary**, the Chairman of Missionary Education, the Chairman of Supply Work, the Chairman of Program Materials, and one Woman's Society member-at-large shall be elected."

[The action in the above two paragraphs moves the election of the Recording Secretary from the second to the fourth year of the quadrennium so that the expiration of her term will not coincide with that of the Conference Secretary.]

ARTICLE VI, Section 4: Amend to read:

"Elections shall be by ballot, a **majority vote constituting an election.**

Where there is only one candidate for an office, the election may be by voice."

Alternate wording for the above:

"All elections shall be by ballot, except where there is only one candidate for office the election may be by voice."

"A majority vote shall constitute an election."

STANDING RULES:

RULE 3: Amend to read: [Complete new Rule, replacing **Guild Times**.]

"The Wesleyan Service Guild shall, in cooperation with the Woman's Society of Christian Service, publish a newspaper for promotion of Conference work.

For the publication of this paper, there shall be a Committee composed of the Editor, who shall be the Chairman, two Assistant Editors, and a Circulation Manager. The Editors shall be appointed by the Conference President of the Woman's Society after consultation with the Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. One Assistant Editor shall be a member of the Woman's Society and one a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild, each selected after consultation with the Editor. The Circulation Manager shall be appointed by the Editor."

RULE 4: (Committee on Nominations) Amend to Read:

"(a) The Committee on Nominations shall be elected by the Conference Guild Committee.

(b) Three members of the Committee shall be elected during the second year of the quadrennium and two members during the fourth year of the quadrennium.

(c) The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected annually from the members of the Committee on Nominations by the Conference Guild Committee.

(d) Each member of the Committee shall serve a term of four years."

RULE 7(c): [Editorial change]

"In the expression "and/or" delete the word "or." Delete the expression "In the pattern" in both places.

Mrs. Thomas moved that the Article V, Section 7 of the Bylaws, the wording of the second paragraph read: **"Annually at the spring meeting the Committee on Program shall name the chairman for each meeting of the succeeding calendar year."** Carried.

Miss White moved that the wording for Article VI, Section 4 read: **"Elections shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting an election. When there is only one candidate for an office, the election may be by voice."** Carried.

Miss White moved that the word "Committee" be deleted from the end of Rule 4 (a). **Carried.**

Miss Carter moved that Rule 4 (c) read: **"The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected at the second and fourth years of the quadrennium from the members of the Committee on Nominations by the Conference Guild Committee."** **Carried.**

Mrs. Mainous reported for the special committee appointed in October, 1965, to clear the files in the possession of the Conference Secretary. The committee met February 19, 1966, at the home of the Conference Secretary. Their decision was to file only that material pertinent to the function of the office of the Conference Secretary and of the Conference Committee. They found and retained copies of the Annual Report, **Guild Times**, Programs of Conference Guild Meetings, and other valuable material.

Mrs. Mainous moved that the Annual Report include the reports of the Lines of Work Chairmen. **Carried.**

Mrs. Dameron moved that the report of the Committee on Conference Files be accepted with thanks. **Carried.**

Mrs. Mainous moved that the Conference Secretary be authorized to donate the old filing cabinet to a good cause. **Carried.**

Mrs. Rountree was authorized to secure at nominal cost a two-drawer filing cabinet for the use of the Conference Secretary.

Miss Carter submitted the report of the Conference Committee on Nominations. (See Minutes of Saturday afternoon session for this report.)

The meeting adjourned until 8:00 A.M. breakfast.

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The Conference Committee re-convened at 8:00 A.M. Saturday in the Rouge Royale Room. All were present who had been in attendance Friday night except Miss Carter. Mrs. Dameron led the group in prayer. Miss White presented a gift of silver to Miss Tyler from the Conference Committee, voicing the appreciation of the group for her four years of service.

Miss Tyler presented the following Recommendations for 1966-67: (See Minutes of the Afternoon Session for the list.)

Mrs. Mainous moved that the recommendations be accepted. **Carried.**

Mrs. McCammon gave a report on **Christian Service Times**.

Miss Kelly moved that the Committee on Nominations send a report to all units one month prior to the spring meeting. **Carried.**

Miss Dunbar moved that the Committee on Nominations inform all local units by letter that offices are open and ask that suggested nominations be sent to the Committee prior to the election.

Miss Tyler made the following Committee appointments:

Administrative Committee: Conference Secretary, Chairman, Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, Chairman of Missionary Education, Chairman of Supply Work, Recording Secretary.

Budget Committee: Conference Treasurer, Chairman, Guild Conference Secretary, Conference President of Woman's Society of Christian Service, Chairman of Program Materials, Guild Editor.

Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee: Recording Secretary, Chairman: Conference Secretary, Chairman of Committee on Nominations, Chairman of Christian Social Relations, one Representative of the Woman's Society.

Program Committee (Chairman to be named): Conference Secretary, Recording Secretary, Chairmen of Lines of Work, Guild Editor, one District Secretary.

Committee on Nominations (to be elected)

Mrs. Mainous moved that the Conference Secretary be authorized to publish the committees with the names of officers to be elected. **Carried.**

Miss Tyler asked the District Secretaries to obtain an accurate membership count of each unit. This count is needed by the Woman's Division by April 16; Miss Tyler must have it by April 7.

Miss White explained that the minimum insurance fee per person attending meetings has increased from 15¢ to 35¢.

Miss Tyler reported that a telephone will be available at Centenary College for the Guild Weekend. The number will be on the registration form.

Miss Tyler announced that Jurisdiction Guild Weekend will be at Mt. Sequoyah June 17-19, 1966, beginning with Vesper Service Friday. Louisiana has been allotted 14 spaces on the Mountain.

Mrs. Mainous called a Program Committee meeting to be at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Saturday, March 26, beginning at 9:30 A.M.

Mrs. Milton Baldrige was welcomed; she arrived to substitute for Mrs. Justin Vega, New Orleans District Secretary, who is ill.

Mrs. Dameron announced she has prepared a letter to send to all units requesting the special offering for MacDonell and for the Assembly offering.

The incoming Conference Secretary will be the Guild delegate to the Assembly May 12-15 in Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Phillips moved that Arline Tyler and Elizabeth Langford be first and second alternates, respectively, to the Assembly. **Carried.**

Mrs. Dameron moved that the Retiring Conference Secretary be a member of the Conference Guild Committee for one year. **Carried.**

Mrs. Gallaher announced that Guild and Woman's Society pledge had increased \$6,000 since she became Treasurer. She urged continued increase.

Mrs. Sandefur expressed her pleasure in having served as Chairman of Christian Social Relations for four years.

Miss Lawson moved that this Committee endorse the nomination of Mrs. Sandefur for the office of South Central Jurisdiction Chairman of Christian Social Relations. **Carried.**

Mrs. Sandefur moved that Miss Tyler be authorized to submit the name of the incoming Conference President of the Woman's Society as a member-at-large of the Jurisdiction Guild Committee. **Carried.**

Miss Tyler called a session of this Committee in Room 753 after the evening session.

The group formed a prayer circle and closed with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie."

EXTENSION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Conference Committee convened at 9:45 P.M. in Room 753 of the hotel. All members in attendance for the weekend were present except Miss Batton.

Mrs. McCammon led in prayer.

Miss Kelly nominated Miss Elizabeth Lowery to be Chairman of the Committee on Nominations. Mrs. Phillips moved that the nominations cease, and that Miss Lowery be elected by acclamation. **Carried.**

Miss Tyler submitted the name of Miss Jerry Beck to be Guild Editor of *Christian Service Times*.
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Mrs. Langford asked for the privilege of presenting the *Guild Times* files to Miss Beck.

Mrs. McCammon moved that a \$25 Special Membership be presented to Mr. Tom Matheny in appreciation of his appearance on our program. The pin will be sent to Mrs. Rountree who will arrange for the presentation.

Miss Tyler thanked Mrs. Baldrige for handling the ceremony honoring retiring officers.

Miss Jerry Beck and Miss Elizabeth Lowery came into the room and were welcomed to the Committee.

A prayer circle was formed and the closing prayer was given by Mrs. Thomas.

Maree White
Recording Secretary

Fifteenth Annual Meeting

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

March 4-6, 1966

PROGRAM

THEME: "For He Has Chosen Me — For The Living of These Days"

Grant us Wisdom, Grant us Courage
For the Living of These Days

Friday, March 4, 1966

- 6:00 P.M. Registration Lobby, Jack Tar Capitol House
8:00 P.M. Conference Guild Committee Meeting....Louisiana Room, Capitol House

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1966

- 8:00 A.M. Conference Guild Committee Breakfast....Rouge Royale, Capitol House
9:00 A.M. Registration Lobby, Capitol House
10:00 A.M. District Secretaries' Meeting.....Rouge Royale Room, Capitol House
12:00 Noon Registration, continued First Methodist Church
12:15 and 12:40 Bus leaves Hotel for Church

AFTERNOON SESSION

SANCTUARY, FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

- 1:00 P.M. Organ Prelude—"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word".....Walcha
Theme Hymn No. 279, The Methodist Hymnal
Convening of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting.....Miss Arline Tyler
Prayer Miss Mildred Evans
WelcomeDr. Dana Dawson, Mrs. Joe Rountree
Holy Communion Dr. Dana Dawson
Order of Business:
 Presentation of Program Mrs. C. G. Mainous
 Introductions Miss Arline Tyler
 Report of Recording Secretary Miss Maree White
 Appointment of Committees
 Report on Conference Publication
 Report of Committee on By-Laws and Standing Rules
 Report of Committee on Nominations Miss Marilyn Carter
 Balloting on Officers
 Announcements
 Solo, "Great Peace Have They Which Love Thy Law".....James Rogers
 Soloist, Miss Jane Burnett
 Offertory "O For A Closer Walk With God" Stracothro
 Pledge Service
3:45 P.M. Bus to Mansion
4:00 P.M. Tour of the Governor's Mansion — Refreshments

EVENING SESSION

7:00 P.M. Dinner Show Boat Room, Capitol House
 Presiding Miss Arline Tyler
 Invocation Dr. Bentley Sloane
 Introductions
 A group of Special Musical Numbers.....Mr. J. H. Blackman, Director
 Address: "What Does This Mean?" Mr. Tom Matheny
 Benediction The Reverend Mr. Beverly Bond

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 1966

7:00 A.M. Breakfast Show Boat Room, Capitol House
 Presiding Miss Mildred Evans
 Invocation
 Meditation "God's Peculiar People" Mrs. W. E. Trice
 Prayer Miss Hermine Tate

8:30 P.M. Order of Business:
 Report of Tellers
 Committee Reports
 Election of Delegates
 Guild Hymn — Back Cover of Program
 Report of Conference Secretary Miss Arline Tyler
 Installation of Officers Mrs. G. W. Dameron
 Adjournment

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

March 4-6, 1966

The Fifteenth Annual Spring Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild convened in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 1:00 P.M., Saturday, March 4, 1966, with Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, presiding.

Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations, gave the opening prayer, after which Miss Tyler declared the meeting in session.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was administered under the direction of Dr. Dana Dawson, pastor of First Church, assisted by Rev. James Humphries, Rev. Charles Humphries, and Rev. Walter L. Baker.

Dr. Dawson welcomed the assembly as did Mrs. Joe Rountree, District Secretary of the Baton Rouge District.

Mrs. Mainous, Program Chairman, presented the program as printed.

Miss Tyler introduced Woman's Society and Guild Members of the Conference Guild Committee.

The Recording Secretary then read the following Recommendations from the Conference Guild Committee:

1. That each local Guild unit work through existing agencies in a program of "Upgrading" for women in living accommodations and vocational training.
2. That the local Guild use the method of small conversation groups which may take the form of neighborhood groups, vocational interests, ecumenical dialogue, avocational skills and action groups.
3. That the local Guild acquaint its members with the qualifications for missionary service and the need for professionally qualified women to serve as

career missionaries; and that all Guild members be encouraged to participate in the study and training opportunities of the Church, the Woman's Society, and the Guild.

4. That attention be called to the report and recommendations of the Section of Christian Social Relations with particular regard to alcohol and alcoholism, and to equal opportunities of training and employment.
5. That we continue our earnest prayerful efforts to reach and involve women in the purpose of the Guild through a creative, challenging program.
6. That we may find spiritual renewal and fulfillment let the membership of the Guild make use of the resource material, observe the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial and other special observances as Retreats, Time-apart, and Self Study.
7. That we continue our support of Missions through our pledges, special gifts, and Supply Askings.
8. (a) That, at the request of the National Division of the Board of Missions, the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild make a Supplementary Gift of \$10,000 toward the expenses of building two new cottages at MacDonell Methodist Center.
(b) That this amount be paid over a period of time, not to exceed seven years beginning with \$1,200 in 1966-67.
(c) That local Guilds be requested to include a Supplementary Gift for MacDonell Center in their budget, the amount to be determined by each group.
9. That the Retiring Conference Secretary be a member of the Conference Guild Committee for one year.

Mrs. Gallaher moved the adoption of the Resolutions. **Carried.**

The following Committee Appointments, made by Miss Tyler, were read by the Recording Secretary:

Journal: Miss Laura Lynch, Miss Grace Lawson.

Resolutions: Mrs. Janie Phillips, Chairman, Mrs. Rountree, Miss Dunbar.

Tellers, Distributing: Mrs. Rowena Lee, Mrs. Bessie Baker, Mrs. Vera Williams, Mrs. Velma Thomas, Mrs. Gloria Bennett, Mrs. Beverly Biehler, Mrs. Bessie Fairley, and Mrs. Dolly Brown.

Tellers, Counting: Mrs. Lucille Gunter, Mrs. Zola McGehee, Mrs. Jane Carter, Miss Evelyn Chaney, Mrs. Helen Owen, Mrs. May Moon, and Mrs. Gertrude Taylor.

Miss Elizabeth Langford, Chairman of the Committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules, presented the following changes in Bylaws, due notice to the Conference Guild Committee having been made, and the approval of the Conference Committee having been given: (Changes are in bold type).

ARTICLE V, Section 4, Amend to read:

"There shall be a Committee on Nominations **composed of five members** whose duty shall be to present nominations of all officers, Chairmen of Lines of Work, and members of the Committee on Nominations."

ARTICLE V, Section 6, Amend to read:

"There shall be within the Conference Guild Committee a Budget Committee. The Committee shall be composed of the Conference President, the Conference Treasurer, the Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and two other Guild members appointed by the Conference Secretary."

ARTICLE V, Section 7, Amend to read:

"There shall be a Committee on Program composed of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairmen of the Lines of Work, the **Guild Editor of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES**, and the District Secretary of the district in which the meeting is being held."

"Annually at the Spring Meeting the Committee on Program shall name the chairman for each meeting of the succeeding calendar year."

ARTICLE VI, Section 1(b): Delete "the Recording Secretary."

ARTICLE VI, Section 1(c): Amend to read:

"At the fourth year of the quadrennium the Recording Secretary, the Chairman of Missionary Education, the Chairman of Supply Work, the Chairman of Program Materials, and one Woman's Society member-at-large shall be elected."

ARTICLE VI, Section 4: Amend to read:

"Elections shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting an election. When there is only one candidate for an office, the election may be by voice."

Miss Langford then read the following recommended changes in the Standing Rules, these changes having been approved by the Conference Guild Committee:

RULE 3: Amend to read:

"The Wesleyan Service Guild shall, in co-operation with the Woman's Society of Christian Service, publish a newspaper for promotion of Conference work. For the publication of this paper, there shall be a Committee composed of the Editor, who shall be the Chairman, two Assistant Editors, and a Circulation Manager. The Editors shall be appointed by the Conference President of the Woman's Society, after consultation with the Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. One Assistant Editor shall be a member of the Woman's Society and one a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild, each selected after consultation with the Editor. The Circulation Manager shall be appointed by the Editor."

RULE 4: Committee on Nominations, Amend to read:

(a) The Committee on Nominations shall be elected by the Conference Guild.

(b) Three members of the Committee shall be elected during the second year of the quadrennium and two members during the fourth year of the quadrennium.

(c) The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected at the second and fourth years of the quadrennium from the members of the Committee on Nominations by the Conference Guild Committee.

Miss Langford moved that the report be accepted. **Carried.**

Mrs. Ella Callahan moved that changes in the Bylaws and Standing Rules be adopted as read. **Carried.**

Voting delegates were counted, there being 92 present.

Miss Marilyn Carter, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, submitted the names of the following to fill the offices indicated, giving their qualifications: Conference Secretary, Miss Mildred Evans; Recording Secretary, Miss Maree White; Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, Mrs. Milton Baldrige; Chairman of Christian Social Relations, Miss Elizabeth Langford; Woman's Society Member-at-large, Mrs. G. W. Dameron; Committee on Nominations, Mrs. Lester Beard, Miss Elizabeth Lowery, Mrs. Rosa McCollough, Mrs. Cay Richardson, Miss Arline Tyler.

Miss Tyler called for nominations from the floor.

Mrs. Eula Mae King moved that the officers as presented by the Committee on Nominations be elected by acclamation. **Carried.**

Miss Grace Lawson moved that the persons named for the Committee on Nominations be elected by acclamation. **Carried.**

Miss Tyler urged all local Presidents to send in to her an accurate membership count.

The Conference Secretary announced that Jurisdiction Guild Weekend would be June 17-19, 1966, at Mount Sequoyah. She announced Louisiana Conference Guild Weekend to be July 22-24, at Centenary College, Shreveport, preceded by the Conference School of Christian Mission.

Miss June Burnett sang a solo, "Great Peace Have They Which Love Thy Law," accompanied by Mrs. Elizabeth Pierce.

An offering for Missions was taken.

Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Conference Treasurer, led the pledge service in which the District Secretaries made the following Pledges to Missions for the districts: Alexandria, \$2072; Baton Rouge, \$4138; Lafayette, \$2064; Lake Charles, \$3430; Monroe, \$3546; New Orleans, \$3460; Ruston, \$2804; and Shreveport, \$3460; Total, \$24,974.

With the dignity and solemnity of the Pledge Service, the meeting adjourned until the Evening Session.

Guild members were graciously entertained at tea at the Governor's Mansion by Mrs. John McKeithen.

EVENING SESSION

Dinner was served at 7:00 in the Show Boat Room of the Jack Tar Capitol House. Miss Arline Tyler presided.

Dr. Bentley Sloane, District Superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, gave the invocation.

Ministers and guests were introduced by Miss Tyler, after which the following presentations were made to retiring officers in behalf of the Conference Guild units of Louisiana:

Miss Adeline Durham presented an Honorary Patron's Pin to Miss Arline Tyler; Honorary Life Membership Pins were presented to Miss Maree White by Miss Marilynn Carter; to Mrs. Alvin Sandefur by Mrs. C. G. Mainous; and to Miss Mildred Evans by Mrs. Milton Baldridge. Miss Tyler then presented the offering for Missions received at the afternoon session in honor of Mrs. G. W. Dameron, and the Offering from Corsages for Missions in honor of Mrs. George Thomas.

Mr. J. H. Blackman and a group of singers presented several vocal selections.

Miss Tyler then presented Mr. Tom Matheny, Conference Lay Leader, who gave a powerful address entitled "What Does This Mean?"

Reverend Beverly Bond gave the benediction.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 1966

Breakfast

Breakfast was served in the Show Boat Room; Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, presided.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Rosa McCollough.

During a delay in the serving of the meal, Miss Tyler introduced Miss Jerry Beck, new Guild Editor of *Christian Service Times*, and Miss Elizabeth Lowery, new Chairman of the Committee on Nominations.

Miss Elizabeth Langford presented the *Guild Times* file to Miss Beck.

Miss Evans introduced Mrs. W. E. Trice who gave the Meditation entitled "God's Peculiar People."

Miss Hermine Tate closed the breakfast session with prayer.

BUSINESS SESSION

Certificates were presented to the following new units: McGuire Methodist Church, Monroe, Mrs. J. D. Traweek, President; Laura Lynch unit at First Methodist Church, Leesville, Mrs. Jack Simms, President.

Miss Tyler introduced Mrs. John Howe, just arrived.

Mrs. Gallaher encouraged use of the World Bank.

Miss Georgia Daily of Methodist Information was introduced.

Mrs. Rountree gave the following report of registration by districts: Alexandria 17, Baton Rouge 71, Lafayette 16, Lake Charles 17, Monroe 23, New Orleans 44, Ruston 6, Shreveport 11, Total 205, with 57% of the units represented.

Miss Marilyn Carter presented the following nominations:

Mrs. C. G. Mainous and Miss Elizabeth Langford to serve as delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, with Miss Elizabeth Lowery and Miss Jerry Beck alternates.

Mrs. Ella Callahan moved that the nominations be accepted. **Carried.**

Mrs. Rountree presented local committees which had assisted in the preparations for this spring meeting; all present were very grateful to these workers for their time and effort.

Mrs. Bessie Fairley announced that Miss Grace Lawson would serve as a Counselor at the Children's Home during the coming summer.

Miss Tyler made an appeal for professionally qualified women to volunteer in the work of the Church.

Mrs.. Janie Phillips presented the following countesy report:

Report of Committee on Resolutions

To the Baton Rouge District of the Wesleyan Service Guild, the First Methodist Church, Dr. Bentley Sloane, District Superintendent, Dr. Dana Dawson, Rev. James Humphries, Rev. Charles Humphries, Rev. Walter L. Baker, and to Rev. B. E. Bond, the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild is deeply grateful for their inspirational and spiritual guidance.

To Miss Jane Burnett, soloist, and to Mrs. Elizabeth Pierce, accompanist, we extend our sincere thanks for their beautiful musical renditions.

To Mrs. Gail Rountree, District Secretary of the Baton Rouge District and general chairman for the Conference, to Mrs. Emma Mainous, program chairman; and to their many efficient committces we are most appreciative for their untiring efforts, their gracious hospitality, and their inspiring program.

To the Jack Tar Hotel, we are grateful for the complimentary suite for the use of the officers.

For his most challenging message, we extend to Mr. Tom Matheny our sincere thanks.

To Mr. J. H. Blackman, his quartet, and his accompanist, for their delightful entertainment and message in song we extend our thanks.

To Mesdames Rountree and Mainous for arranging the tour of the governor's mansion and to Mrs. John McKeithen as hostess we are most appreciative.

To Mrs. W. E. Trice for her inspiring meditation, to Mrs. Estelle Dameron for her invaluable guidance and leadership, to Mrs. Hazel Gallaher for her impressive pledge service, and to the other members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service who gave of their time and efforts, we extend our thanks.

To our own beloved Conference Secretary, Miss Arline Tyler, we shall always be grateful for her untiring efforts and her spiritual guidance and leadership, and to all other conference officers who aided in executing this conference meeting, we are sincerely grateful.

As we in attendance at the Fifteenth annual meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild in Baton Rouge start homeward, we better know that "He Has Chosen Us for the Living of These Days."

Janie Phillips, Chairman
Dorothy Dunbar
Gail Rountree

Mrs. Phillips moved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to all persons mentioned therein. **Carried.**

Miss Laura Lynch, District Secretary of the Lake Charles District, and Mrs. Velma Thomas, President of the unit at First Church, Lake Charles, invited the Conference Guild to meet in Lake Charles, March 17-19, 1967.

Miss Evans reported that the second issue of *Christian Service Times* will be out in April.

Mrs. Minza Rabun moved that all rise in appreciation of the four years of service by Miss Tyler; the group responded immediately.

Miss Arline Tyler gave the report of the Conference Secretary.

Mrs. Dameron installed the newly-elected officers, presenting each with a symbol appropriate to her office: Conference Secretary, Miss Mildred Evans; Recording Secretary, Miss Maree White; Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, Mrs. Milton Baldridge; Chairman of Christian Social Relations, Miss Elizabeth Langford.

Miss Mildred Evans spoke briefly of her pleasure at being elected Conference Secretary.

Miss Tyler gave the closing prayer and declared the meeting adjourned.

Maree White
Recording Secretary

REPORT OF CONFERENCE SECRETARY WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Miss Arline Tyler

"And they devoted themselves to the Apostles' teachings and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." This might well be the summary of our Guild work for 1965-1966.

Three conference officers participated in the first Regional School of Christian Mission held at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. This brought into clearer focus the concept of "Oneness" in our church and its actions. The Jurisdiction Guild Weekend brought 11 Guild members to Mt. Sequoyah for an experience of learning and fellowship with particular emphasis on Guild work.

In further preparation, the members of the conference committee had a time of "Self-Study Before God" preceding the Guild Weekend at Centenary College, Shreveport. Out of this, we went forth to teach through clinics for officers, panels on relevant topics, the approved studies, and to worship with the 186 Guild members in attendance. Following the Guild Weekend, thirteen members remained for the School of Christian Mission and to attend the Guild Clinic.

The "Self-Study Before God" became a part of each district coaching conference. The district secretaries have done a commendable work-reporting accurately and promptly; attending the conference committee; and promoting the work of the districts.

The *Christian Service Times*, joint publication for the Guild and Woman's Society, has been well accepted among Guild members. We feel that this has been a wise step to take.

Two meetings of the Conference Guild Committee have been held with excellent attendance. The decisions and action of this group from these sessions are reflected in our work throughout the year. Again, we feel that having these meetings apart from program meetings has been most helpful.

Other conference committees have functioned effectively as revealed in the reports of the chairmen; the revision of the Bylaws and Standing Rules to meet current situations; and through the two conference programs and other areas of work.

The spring conference held in Baton Rouge, March 4-6, 1966, found 205 in attendance at all sessions with approximately 280 at the Saturday evening dinner session. The program brought a depth of renewal and dedication to all who participated.

It was my privilege, along with Elizabeth Lowery of Mansfield, to attend the Seventh Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild in Portland, Oregon, May 12-15, 1966. It was truly an experience of Renewal in Spirit and Service.

With the new year, there comes new leadership. We commend each to you. Supported by your service and prayers, these will continue the breaking of bread to all Guild members through prayer—teaching—fellowship—and service.

It has been a privilege to service the Louisiana conference and a joy in fellowship with you. Thank you. May lives continue to be blest and enriched through the Wesleyan Service Guild is my sincere wish and prayer.

CASH FOR SUPPLY WORK ASKINGS
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
1966-1967

National:

Navajo Methodist Mission School
P. O. Box 870, Farmington, New Mexico\$1,483.00

World:

The Philippiues\$ 522.00
Harris Memorial School for Deaconesses
Mary Johnston Hospital and School of Nursing
Magazine and Picture Fund (\$2 per unit)..... 210.00

Total\$2,215.00

BYLAWS OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

ARTICLE I — Name

With the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service there shall be for employed women a Conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

ARTICLE II — Purpose

The purpose of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild shall be to plan and direct the work of the Guild within the conference in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the Woman's Division.

ARTICLE III — Membership

The members of the Conference Guild Committee, the Officers and Chairmen of Lines of Work in each district, and the elected delegates from local Guild units shall be members of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild. This membership shall constitute the voting body at the annual meeting.

Article IV—Officers and Their Duties

SECTION 1. There shall be a Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild who shall be the presiding officer of the Conference Guild. There shall be a Recording Secretary.

SECTION 2. These officers shall be elected from the membership of the Wesleyan Service Guild within the conference.

SECTION 3. (a) The Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall preside at the meetings of the conference Guild and serve as chairman of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference. She shall promote the work of the Guild within the conference; receive reports from district secretaries of the Guild; report annually to the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the conference and to the

jurisdiction secretary of the Guild. In accordance with the pattern of the Woman's Division she shall report to the executive secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Division. She shall be responsible for planning of meetings of the conference Guild; and shall represent the Guild and present its interests at the meetings of the conference Society, of which she shall be an official member. She shall attend, as far as possible, district meetings of the Guild and shall be a member of the executive committee of the conference Society. She shall present a budget to the committee on Finance of the conference Society.

(b) The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the conference meetings and perform such other duties as may be authorized by the conference Guild.

ARTICLE V -- Committees and Their Duties

SECTION 1. There shall be a Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild composed of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairmen of Lines of Work, the District Secretaries, the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, the Guild Editor, the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary of Membership Cultivation, and two other members of the Woman's Society to be elected by the Conference Guild; members of the Division and Jurisdiction committees of the Wesleyan Service Guild residing in the Conference; and such co-opted members as the work demands.

SECTION 2. The Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Conference shall assist in the planning of the work of the Guild within the Conference. Chairmen to carry on the work of Spiritual Life Cultivation, Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, Supply Work, and Program Materials shall be elected.

SECTION 3. There shall be an Administrative Committee, composed of the Conference Secretary, who shall be the chairman, the Recording Secretary, and three other members of the Conference Guild Committee, who shall be appointed biennially by the Conference Secretary. The Administrative Committee shall transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the Conference Guild Committee.

SECTION 4. There shall be a Committee on Nominations composed of five members whose duty shall be to present nominations of all officers, Chairmen of Lines of Work, and members of the Committee on Nominations.

SECTION 5. There shall be a Committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules appointed by the Conference Secretary. The Conference Secretary and the Recording Secretary shall be members of this Committee.

SECTION 6. There shall be within the Conference Guild Committee a Budget Committee. The Committee shall be composed of the Conference President, the Conference Treasurer, the Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and two other Guild members appointed by the Conference Secretary.

SECTION 7. (a) There shall be a Committee on Program composed of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairmen of the Lines of Work, the Guild Editor of *Christian Service Times*, and the District Secretary of the district in which the meeting is being held.

(h) Annually at the Spring Meeting the Committee on Program shall name the chairman for each meeting of the succeeding calendar year.

ARTICLE VI -- Elections

SECTION 1. (a) The officers of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, the Chairmen of Lines of Work, the two representatives of the Conference Woman's Society, and the Committee on Nominations shall be elected by the Conference Guild in regular meeting. Elections shall be biennially. A term of office shall be four years, and no officer or chairman shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years.

(b) So that all vacancies shall not occur within the same year, the following pattern shall be the rule in the election of officers: at the second year of the quadrennium the Conference Secretary, the Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, the Chairman of Christian Social Relations, three members of the Committee on Nominations, and one Woman's Society member-at-large shall be elected.

(c) At the fourth year of the quadrennium the Recording Secretary, the Chairman of Missionary Education, the Chairman of Supply Work, the Chairman of Program Materials, two members of the Committee on Nominations, and one Woman's Society member-at-large shall be elected.

SECTION 2. Vacancies occurring *ad interim* shall be filled for the remainder of the term involved by the conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee.

SECTION 3. The election of the Conference Secretary of the Guild shall be confirmed by the conference Woman's Society.

SECTION 4. Elections shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting an election. When there is only one candidate for an office, the election may be by voice.

SECTION 5. Officers shall assume office June 1st after their election or appointment. The out-going officers shall make the necessary reports.

SECTION 6. Three or more years of an unexpired term of a Conference officer shall be considered a full term.

ARTICLE VII — Meetings

SECTION 1. There shall be an annual Spring Meeting of the conference Wesleyan Service Guild, where reports shall be received and necessary business transacted. All regular elections will be held at this Spring Meeting.

SECTION 2. There shall be an annual Guild Weekend meeting, dates to be determined by the conference Committee. All necessary business may be transacted at this annual Weekend.

SECTION 3. The annual Spring Meeting and the annual Guild Weekend are designated as regular business meetings.

ARTICLE VIII — Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments to these bylaws pertaining only to the Louisiana Conference may be made at an annual meeting of the conference, provided the proposed amendments shall be sent to the Committee of the Conference Guild thirty days before the annual meeting, and the Committee has had an opportunity to approve the proposed amendments before they are submitted to the membership.

SECTION 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild provided they are in harmony with the Woman's Division Constitution and bylaws for the Conference Guild.

STANDING RULES OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

RULE 1. At the Annual Spring Meeting and the Guild Weekend there shall be one voting delegate for each 20 members or major fraction thereof in each local unit. Each unit shall have at least one voting delegate.

RULE 2. (a) Conference Guild Committee Meetings. There shall be at least two meetings of the Conference Guild Committee each year. One of these shall be in connection with the annual Spring Meeting. The other shall be a mid-year meeting, the date to be designated by the Administrative Committee.

(b) There shall be a program of training in Guild work within each district, to be directed by the district Guild committee.

RULE 3. **CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES:** (a) The Wesleyan Service Guild shall, in co-operation with the Woman's Society of Christian Service, publish a newspaper for promotion of Conference work.

(b) For the publication of this paper, there shall be a Committee composed of the Editor, who shall be the Chairman, two Assistant Editors, and a Circulation Manager. The Editors shall be appointed by the Conference President of the Woman's Society, after consultation with the Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. One Assistant Editor shall be a member of the Woman's Society

and one a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild, each selected after consultation with the Editor. The Circulation Manager shall be appointed by the Editor.

RULE 4. Committee on Nominations: (a) The Committee on Nominations shall be elected by the Conference Guild.

(b) Three members of the Committee shall be elected during the second year of the quadrennium and two members during the fourth year of the quadrennium.

(c) The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected at the second and fourth years of the quadrennium from the members of the Committee on Nominations by the Conference Guild Committee.

RULE 5. A Committee on Journal shall be appointed at each meeting to review the minutes of the Recording Secretary before they are mailed out to the members of the Conference Guild Committee. Such mailing shall be made as soon as possible after each meeting.

RULE 6. The two elected delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend shall be Guild members of the Conference Guild Committee.

RULE 7. Finances: (a) Expenses of the Annual Spring Meeting shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. This includes expenses of the members of the Conference Guild Committee.

(b) Expenses of the members of the Conference Guild Committee to the mid-year meeting of the Conference Guild Committee shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund.

(c) Expenses of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairmen of Lines of Work, and co-opted Guild members of the Conference Guild Committee, to the Conference Guild Weekend shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund.

(d) Expenses of the District Secretaries to the Conference Guild Weekend shall be paid from District Cultivation Funds.

(e) Expenses of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and the Chairmen of Lines of Work who attend the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and the Regional School of Christian Mission shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. If four or fewer of this group attend, travel shall be in one car, and 5¢ per mile shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. If five or more persons make up the official delegation, the expenses of two cars at 5¢ per mile each car shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. Travel to and from the place of meeting of an official car shall be paid by the Conference. If any designated person elects to travel by means other than above, she shall do so at her own expense.

(f) Expenses of the two elected delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend shall be paid from Conference Cultivation Fund. The two elected delegates shall travel in one car with an allowed expense of five cents per mile. If they elect to travel in separate cars, they shall prorate the allowed expense of five cents per mile, or two and one-half cents per mile per car.

(g) Transportation by car for members of the Conference Guild Committee on official business within the Conference shall be allowed at five cents per mile. Car pools are recommended and care should be exercised to accommodate four persons in a car whenever possible. When conference and district officers of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service and other riders travel together in a car, each person should share in the expense of the car, the conference officer charging her pro-rata share to the conference, and the district officer charging hers to the district, and the other riders assuming their share in the expenses of the car.

(h) All expense accounts shall be approved by the Conference Secretary.

(i) All funds over and above expenses at any conference meeting, with the exception of special offerings, shall be directed to Conference Cultivation Fund.

(j) The Conference Treasurer shall distribute all funds.

RULE 8. Cultivation Fund: The district cultivation fund shall be on the basis of 30¢ per member.

RULE 9. The Committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules shall have the authority to incorporate into the Conference and District Bylaws any changes made by the Woman's Division, and to make needed editorial changes.

RULE 10. When death occurs among members of the Conference Guild Committee, to members of their immediate families, or to relatives living within their homes, an "In Remembrance Gift" of \$5.00 shall be sent as a memorial.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Chairman

This year, my last as Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations, has been an interesting one. Many letters have gone out from this office to District Chairmen concerning legislation relating to gambling, alcohol, school drop-outs, the poverty program, etc.

Learning the purpose and function of the United Nations has been promoted and the sale of United Nations stamps and stationary was carried out at Christmas time. One of the highlights of this year's work was attending the Citizenship Brunch in the Baton Rouge District in January.

Active response to the victims of Hurricane Betsy, plans conceived and carried out to aid the victims, was a rewarding experience. It has been an inspiration to me to read the reports from the Guilds that have responded to the word "UP GRADE" and that our program shows a definite trend towards action.

I have had the opportunity of serving on the commission of Christian Social Concerns of our local church and I recommend that all chairmen of Christian Social Relations ask to be a member of her church Commission.

It has been a privilege and a most pleasant experience working with people who are vitally interested in being known by their relations as Christians.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

Mrs. Clayton Mainous, Chairman

In comparing the years 1964-1965 and 1965-1966 in the field of Missionary Education and Service, there are additions and some subtractions. According to the reports, many units had not used the materials available to them or that had been placed in their hands. This was reflected in the reports. Some units had made much progress in presentation of studies and in overall education.

The total number of classes for the year was 161 with attendance of 1197. Persons attending classes and participating in class assignments, 409, with 43 classes meeting the suggested "Goals for Excellence."

Attendance at training opportunities and study of available material would prove most helpful in understanding our job in the field of Missionary Education and Service. Then there is reporting. Study of the report blanks and more accurate and punctual reporting will help get the picture of our achievement to the proper sources.

As we stand at the door of another unknown year and face the days ahead, let us lift our hearts in prayer for guidance as we chart our course.

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